

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

The service is also streaming live through our Facebook page.

For the live-stream, please go to www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed.

Rev. Dr. Peter Sanfilippo, Pastor and Rev. Fransisca Rumokoy are leading the service.

“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.,**

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2020

An Appeal to the Congregation

We are trying to **raise \$2500.00 by December 24** to help defray the cost of media equipment. While most has been purchased by generous offerings from church members, a significant balance remains. This equipment is necessary for high quality live-streaming, which has become a fixture of the church. Any offerings, weekly or monthly, are appreciated.

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) 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.

Worship Services - Sundays at 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

The church is open for worship. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month and is provided in individual sealed packets of bread and wine. First Sunday is our United Combined Service (spoken in Indonesian and English) at 10:30 A.M. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays worship is at 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. (also 5th in months that have 5 Sundays). The 10:30 A.M. service is offered in English and the 12:00 P.M. service is offered in Indonesian. **Everyone is required to wear a face mask upon entering the church and to observe directions for seating.**

Global Grace Marketplace at the Reformed Church of Highland Park

The Global Grace Marketplace, a mission of The Reformed Church of Highland Park (19-21 S. 2nd Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904) celebrated its one-year anniversary on Sept. 3. The

marketplace is open in the church's social hall for 6 hours every day. They also have online order possibilities. Their beautiful goods are produce by global cooperatives that live by Fair Trade principals. To shop online go to: <https://global-grace-marketplace-cafe.square.site/>

Church Office Not Accessible: Tuesday - Thursday; 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Joan is in the office Tuesday through Thursday; 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and can be contacted by phone (732-548-2463) with questions. For the safety of all, we ask that the office not be visited in-person unless absolutely necessary during those times. **For situations that require a visit to the office please wear a face mask that protects those around you such as a 3-layer paper or cloth face mask.** You can also send an email to rcmetuchen@msn.com at any time.

Interfaith-RISE Walk-a-Thon Nov. 8; 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Reformed Church of Highland Park

Interfaith-RISE will hold its 5th annual walk-a-thon on Sunday, November 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. to raise money in support of refugee resettlement. The walk will begin and end at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, 19 S. 2nd Ave., Highland Park, NJ. Interfaith-RISE is a U.S. State Department designated official resettlement agency. Additional information and details on how you can help and/or donate are found at <http://www.interfaithrise.org/>.

A Note from Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale, Pastor of the Reformed Church of Highland Park:

Over the summer we had an opportunity to help distribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to undocumented immigrants who were left out of the federal stimulus called the CARES ACT. We were thankful for the opportunity that was provided by a fund created by NJ Philanthropic donations. Then, we were asked to help with 'round 2' and we identified 2772 more families who didn't receive federal stimulus and were hoping for assistance from the same NJ fund (Pandemic Relief Fund). The total need that we pre-registered for that fund equaled approximately \$2 Million dollars in round 2.

Unfortunately, Round 2 never happened for our identified people. We are, in response, trying to raise funds and awareness to meet this identified need. Church family, please consider giving...even if it's \$10, and share this need with as many friends as you can. Should we feel devastated by a 2 Million dollar shortfall? Not if we believe that faith the size of mustard seeds can cause mountains to crumble!

We've gotten good coverage as of late concerning this situation.

<https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/new-jersey/2020/10/13/nj-undocumented-immigrants-face-financial-crisis-pandemics-wake/5966900002/>

To give \$ you can go to: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/pandemic-relief-for-families-emergency-shortfall>

You can see that we are slowly raising funds. \$37,000+ in the first few days.

The Peace of Christ to you all,
Pastor Seth

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, Oct. 18** **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 A.M. **Worship in the Sanctuary**
Everyone is required to wear a face mask and to observe directions for seating.
You may also go online at: www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed for live-streaming of the service.
- 12:00 P.M.** **Indonesian Language Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
Everyone is required to wear a face mask and to observe directions for seating.
You may also go online at: Facebook, Reformed Church of Metuchen Indonesian Fellowship or www.facebook.com/MetuchenReformed for live-streaming of the service.
- 5:00 P.M.** Love of Jesus Family Indian Church (sanctuary)

- Sunday, Oct. 25** **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 A.M. **Worship in the Sanctuary**
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Suggested Scripture Readings for the Coming Week:

- Sun., Oct. 18** **Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22**
Mon. Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
Tues. Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24
Wed. Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17—14:9; Matthew 17:22-27
Thurs. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16
Fri. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Sat. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47
Sun., Oct. 25 **Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46**

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.

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 are keeping us going; 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.**

For Intercession and Healing for:

- o **Karen León**
- o **Thomas Robertson, Barbara Robertson's husband**, as he waits for a heart transplant
- o **All COVID-19 victims here and around the world; we pray for new treatments and a vaccine to combat the virus; we pray for people to responsibly exercise social distancing and to wear face masks to limit the spread of COVID-19; we pray for God's mercy.**
- o **Tim** for healing and wellness
- o **Brian Beam**
- o **Marge Viquerat**
- o **Bea Reynolds** who resides at the Reformed Church Home - Apt. E270, 1990 Rt. 18 North, Old Bridge, NJ 08857; we pray for Bea as she grieves over the loss of her sister Eleanor and also as she continues rehab; may Bea find continued healing and renewed physical strength.
- 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.**