

TOWER CHIMES



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Church Office

Please know that even though we might not be in the office on set days at this time, we do go in each week to get what needs to be done in the office. Messages are checked daily also. If you should need to go to the office for something, let us know and we will make arrangements to meet you there. Pastor and I, Carol Ann, are only a call or email away. You can contact us at any time, even if you just want to chat for a bit!

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From Pastor Erin...

Recharge

What do you long for right now? At the end of the day when the sun is setting and you take stock of the day, what do you feel is missing? I believe that all of us have a deep longing in us for communion with God. Each of us journey through hills and valleys in our lives. Honestly, our lives of faith are entangled with the push and pull with God. We learn and grow in faith. We face a challenge and struggle to find our way, peaks and valleys.

I want to encourage each of you reading this that we all face these hills and valleys, even the church. I believe that these past months of pandemic, racial unrest, hurricanes, droughts and tornadoes have uncovered for us the valleys where we need God's wisdom and the hills where we celebrate God's vision. In both places in our lives God is faithful. Perhaps what we long for the most, aside from familiar traditions and faces, is the knowledge that our transformation won't cast aside God. Or I could say, the God that we've known.

The Reformed tradition, of which we are apart, claims that we are always reforming it is God that is the same. We, as humans, are constantly being transformed by the renewing of our minds and hearts about who God is and who God asks us to be. I trust that as we continue to re-form after these past months, we will have growing pains and joys. Most of all, we will be guided by the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the dead. Nothing can ever change that.

I look forward to hearing from you about what God is stirring in you.

In Christ,
Pastor Erin

*Church
Family*

by Raphaella Vaisseau

We are living, learning and growing together;
We do our best to keep our word and teach by example;
We strive to act with integrity, honesty and consideration
toward others, ourselves and each other.

We are taking care of each other as we also take care of ourselves;
We respect who we are, and strive to make the most of the gifts we are given;
We honor each other's talents, though they may be different from our own;
We strive to be a consistent source of encouragement and
acknowledgment for one another.

We love each other not for what we do,
but for who we are at the very core of our beings;
We accept that, being human, mistakes happen; and when they do,
we strive to find the blessing within the opportunity; for we know
that understanding is a valuable result of learning the lessons of life.

As we endeavor to not take each other for granted, we are eternally vigilant;
We take the time to listen to each other, so we are not surprised by growth and change.
We give thanks for each day we have together and for the many blessings in our lives.
We stand by each other, and love each other no matter what.

We are family.

Annual Fall Flea Market



September 25
9am-2pm



Last year we weren't able to hold one of our biggest fundraisers, the Annual Fall Flea Market. But 2021 and the distribution of vaccinations are allowing us to move forward. Praise the Lord! There will be no bake sale or food items for visitors but there will be refreshments & food for the workers. Speaking of workers...



Help is needed starting at 7am on Saturday, September 25th. There are those who will have already setup the tents prior, but the tables will need to be setup outside and

the items put on display. So please come to the church early so we can quickly and easily get everything in order before 9am, the time when we want to welcome people to begin browsing/shopping. Put in whatever time you can spare, and if you can stay to help sell & clean up, that would be beyond wonderful. The more hands we have, the quicker and easier setting up, selling, and cleaning up will be. Please note that masks are encouraged if you will be working indoors.

We are so excited to be able to host this important church fundraiser after a year's hiatus. If you're planning on helping, please email the church office, leave a message on the answering machine, or let Carol & Jake know that you'll be there.

FYI: The downstairs area will be open the first Sunday of each month for anyone who wants to shop.

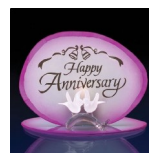
And as always, we deeply appreciate all those who volunteer throughout the year as well as for those who are at these events.

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you



Sept.

- 1 - Andrew Russell
- 4 - Rev. Howard Bryant
- 5 - Ryan Nicholas Crowley
- 7 - Rachel Remelgado
- 9 - Anga Nyambi
- 11 - Patrick Weaver
- 12 - Gail Woolley
- 13 - Ted Padavano
- 15 - Francis Nwosu
- 18 - Emily Elizabeth O'Loughlin
- 20 - Steven O'Loughlin
- 23 - Hudson Thomas Roesch
- 26 - Bryan Koenig
- 29 - Laurie Kalnok
- 29 - Sarah Remelgado
- 30 - Christine Jeffries



Sept.

- 1 - Dana & Bill Marsh
- 2 - Tara & Eric Crowley
- 7 - Hillary & Daniel Martin





Join us in the Sanctuary for worship!

We welcome you back to the sanctuary on September 26th. Members of our congregation have

done a beautiful job to update this sacred space.

Live streaming update:

In an effort to be intentional about our online ministry, we are currently reviewing a proposal to add live streaming capabilities and a new sound system to our sanctuary. Our hope and goal is that we will have a dependable and interactive way for people to join us from "home" on Sunday mornings. Session is hoping to move forward by the end of the month. We thank you for being patient as we move forward in this important part of our ministry.

Please note that the process will begin soon to find our next director of music. We are prayerfully considering who we might be able to find for this position who is called to us in this season of change!



Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 3rd @ 10:30am



We will celebrate the world wide Christian church. Come to find out how we can be part of this beautiful body of Christ throughout the world!



A special shoutout to Dona MacFarlane & Rosalind Casey... your little notes never fail to make the church office smile!



Oct.

- 3 - Matthew Sola
- 4 - Carlos Allende
- 12 - Michaela Grace Woolley
- 12 - Cheryl Anne Cammann
- 16 - Helene Haith
- 17 - Emma Rose O'Loughlin
- 19 - Robin Shipley
- 20 - Makenzie Martin
- 21 - Florence Oppmann
- 29 - Bill Marsh
- 31 - Richard Ebbe
- 31 - Ashley Simpson



Oct.

- 3 - Rachel & Sarah Remelgado
- 6 - Joanne & Ted Padavano
- 8 - Carlos Allende & Erwin Altona
- 20 - Elizabeth & Vincent DeLuca
- 25 - Cheryl & Dan Martin

blessing mix

Buds represent the cornucopia, a horn of plenty.
Pretzels represent arms folded in thanks and prayer.
Sandy corn reminds us that during the first winter, the Pilgrims were allowed only a few kernels of corn per day because food was so scarce.
Seeds are promise of a future harvest if they are planted and well tended.
Fruit is a reminder of the harvest gifts from the land.
M&Ms are for Memories of those who came before us.
Hershey's Kiss is a reminder of the love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL



DAY OF PRAYER

JOIN US FOR OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER!

UCICC WORKS TO FACILITATE THE BUILDING OF BONDS WITHIN THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE THE RESPECT, INCLUSION AND WELCOMING OF OTHERS

**Oct 6, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

**Holy Trinity Roman
Catholic Church
315 1st St, Westfield, NJ 07090**

Sponsored by UCICC and Community Access Unlimited

Representatives from Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism will come together to sing, pray, and reflect on Sacred Scripture together!

- All are welcome at this free public event.
- Masks and social distancing are required for attendees.
- Free to register:
www.eventbrite.com/e/day-of-prayer-tickets-167773796943



Dust If You Must

Dust if you must.
But wouldn't it be better
to paint a picture, or write a letter,
bake a cake, or plant a seed.
Ponder the difference between want and need.

Dust if you must.
But there is not much time,
with rivers to swim and mountains to climb!
Music to hear, and books to read,
friends to cherish and life to lead.



Dust if you must.
But the world's out there
with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
a flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must.
But bear in mind,
old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go, and go you must,
you, yourself, will make more dust.

*Dust if you must, but don't forget to enjoy life and all it has to offer. Both 2020 & 2021
serve as very hard reminders of how fragile life can be.*

Fall blessings to you all, enjoy this beautifully colored season.



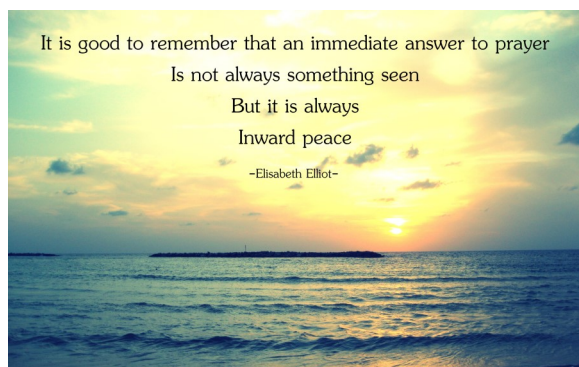
Please consider either calling or sending a card to church family who are homebound; call the church office (732-382-0803) if you need phone numbers and/or addresses.

Prayer Requests

Alyne B., Christine H., Debbie C., Eileen P., Evelyn, Gail, John, Mary, Roger, Russ G., Savannah B., Tommy
 Those that are homebound—Caroline Balla, Doris Kapus, Beverly Woolley

Our condolences to....

The Perez & Wiebush families on the loss of Nick Perez, who passed on Saturday, September 11th. May their love and memories comfort them during this most difficult of times ... until they meet again. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months.



Prayer Persons

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5th - Vincent DeLuca**
- Sept. 12th - Dan, Hillary, Makenzie Martin**
- Sept. 19th - Dona MacFarlane**
- Sept. 26th - Laurie Kalnok**

OCTOBER

- Oct. 3rd - Joanne Noblitt**
- Oct. 10th - Jean Montanari**
- Oct. 17th - Sam Shipley**
- Oct. 24th - Joan Pender**
- Oct. 31st - Debby & Fred Russell**

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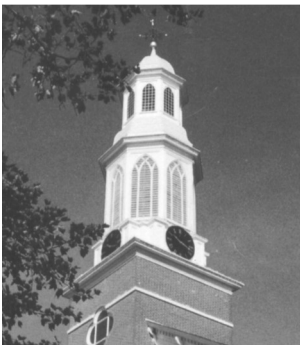
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**Worship with us
Each Sunday at 10:30AM
In person / Facebook Live Stream**

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