



# The Blawenburg Beacon

Newsletter for the members and friends of the Blawenburg Reformed Church

Early Autumn 2018

September 14, 2018

## Oak Trees

It is great to be back in Blawenburg after more than two weeks of traveling. My family and I had a great time visiting Michigan and Colorado, spending time with family and friends, and seeing different parts of the country. One of the many things that was common among my summer time experiences in Colorado, Michigan, and here in New Jersey was the presence of oak trees.

We have two beautiful old oak trees here in Blawenburg. One towers over the parsonage in our backyard and the second is the giant oak just west of the sanctuary. My brother's home in Colorado is near the Denver Botanical Gardens, where I walked through a delightful grove of oak trees of nearly a dozen different species. Finally, helping to give shade to the front patio of my parents' cottage in Michigan, there grows a prominent oak tree (still just a juvenile tree when compared to the oak next to the sanctuary in Blawenburg).

Everywhere I went this summer, I was near some beautiful oak trees. The tree is one of my favorite metaphors for the church. The Dutch theologian Abraham Kuyper, whose writing deeply influenced the religion of my upbringing, constantly talked about the church in terms of a tree. A church has a deep history and a long-standing tradition, which are like the roots of a great old oak. The church, like a tree, can draw on its roots for stability, nourishment, and support. Like a mature oak tree, the church has a solid trunk, upon which everything depends. Our trunk is Jesus Christ, the source of our life and on whom we all belong. As a tree has many limbs, which fan out in all directions and serve the many missions of the tree, so does the church have many members who work together to keep the church healthy and vibrant. As each branch of a tree produces leaves and fruit, so does each member of the church produce in their lives the fruits of the Spirit and a harvest according to God's will.

I love trees and I love the church.

As we begin another season of growth together, my third year with you all at the Blawenburg Reformed Church, I look forward to seeing how we will grow and develop. I trust that we will grow forth, nourished by the roots of our history and tradition. I trust that we will depend upon the trunk of our friend and savior Jesus Christ. I trust that we will fan out, each in our own individual ways and together in coordinated ways, to reach where God would have us reach. And I trust that, with God's help, we will produce a good harvest in this year to come. I look forward to growing with you; let us seek that growth in the nourishment of God!

*Pastor Jeff*

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## ADMINISTRATION SECTION

### Ellen Epple Obituary

Ellen Epple, 85, of Cape May Court House, and most recently of Princeton, NJ, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, August 5, 2018, in her home at Acorn Glen, surrounded by her family and her minister. She was born in Nutley, NJ to Lucy Goldbeck Buckman Quakenbush and Martin Buckman.

In her retirement, Ellen and her late husband, Augustus Epple, moved from Belle Mead to the Cape May area for their love of the birds and beaches and because of the perfect soil for growing daylilies. Together they founded, owned and operated Dias Creek Daylily Farm for 25 years. She was a member of the Master Gardeners, served on the Cape May County Agricultural Board, and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May for many years. More recently, Ellen belonged to, and served as an elder at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in Stone Harbor, where she volunteered much of her free time to help with the Branches Episcopal Outreach Center. Prior to moving to Cape May, Ellen worked as an office manager and owned a small catering company in the Princeton area, was a member of the Blawenburg Dutch Reformed Church, and raised her family in Belle Mead, NJ. The funeral was earlier this week in Cape May. For a full obituary, see the September issue of *The Montgomery News*.

### New Church Email Address

Please be aware, the new church email address is [office@blawenburgchurch.org](mailto:office@blawenburgchurch.org). Emails sent to the former address will continue to forward to the church office's inbox.

## FY2019 Budget

### Ministry Team Budgets are due by September 30

Please submit them to the church office no later than September 30.

Thank you, *The Finance Team*

## ADMINISTRATION—Continued



### Art Exhibit at the Blawenburg Café

On Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 pm, an event will take place at the Blawenburg Cafe for a very special art exhibition showcasing new work by Alan Taback. The show celebrates the life of his beloved dog, Harry, and the places he loved to explore. The afternoon will be filled with music, art, and complimentary refreshments. The exhibit will be open from 2 to 4pm. The show runs until the end of October.

### BRC Ambassadors for Christ in the Community

Our church will be taking part in an upcoming community event.

Hopewell Harvest Fair: Saturday, September 22, 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Hopewell Elementary School, 35 Princeton Ave, Hopewell.

Please let the office know if you would be willing to help set up the tent and table, greet attendees and tell them all we have available at BRC, or help packing up.

### Scholarly Lecture in Hillsborough

A lecture by Rev. Dr. Gary Neal Hanson about "The Solas of the Reformation" is scheduled at the Hillsborough Reformed Church @ Millstone on September 23 at 2:00pm. The program is free. Light refreshments will be provided. Gary Neal Hansen (PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary) is a writer, retreat speaker, and church historian. He is the author of several books, including *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers* and *Love Your Bible: Finding Your Way to the Presence of God with a 12th Century Monk*.



### Challenging Our Understanding of Race Sunday, October 21

by Pastor Jeff Knol

I encourage you to participate in a presentation on Sunday, October 21 following our 9am worship service. The presentation will be led by Dr. Karen Gaffney, who is an English professor at Raritan Valley Community College, an advocate working to address the issue of racism, and a resident of Hillsborough. In her presentation, Dr. Gaffney will seek to explain the origins of some of our misconceptions around race in the United States. Her presentation is historical, looking back to colonial times, but it also seeks to help us address our current lives. Dr. Gaffney was at BRC on August 13 to give her presentation at our second "Not In Our Town" event. I found her presentation to be helpful and asked her to return on Sunday, October 21 for the benefit of more members of the congregation. The presentation will take place in Fellowship Hall following worship around 10:30am.

### For Your Planning Convenience

Beacon material is due to Karen (office @blawenburgchurch.org) and Barb P. (bjp1998@aol.com) by the date of the deadline. Also, if anyone would like to contribute photos for future Beacons, we welcome them.

Deadline Date

Oct. 23

Dec. 5

*We commit our gifts to **WORSHIP** gathering as a community to celebrate God's presence among us!*

## Christ Candle

Pastor Jeff and the Worship Team have added a new feature to our Morning Worship and Welcome—the lighting of the Christ Candle.

This is a reminder of the presence of God through the Holy Spirit during our worship.



## MUSIC AT BLAWENBURG

Celebration Singers resume this fall starting Sunday, September 23, with 8:15am rehearsal that morning in the sanctuary. They will also sing Sundays October 28 and January 27. This is a “pickup” group meeting only on the mornings we sing to offer music that is easily learned. Absolutely all ages welcome!

Blawenburg Choir will resume rehearsals for the Advent and Christmas seasons at the beginning of November. This group rehearses several weeks in advance for music it presents. Seventh graders and above are welcome, and regular attendance is the sole requirement.



If you can offer other vocal or instrumental music for our services, we would love to use you! Please contact music director Kathleen.Connolly.78@verizon.net to offer participation in any

## Joint Worship Services with Griggstown, October 7 and November 18

This fall we will have two joint worship services with the congregation of the Griggstown Reformed Church (GRC) with whom we have recently signed a one year ministry partnership. When we asked for feedback about what you would like to see happen within the partnership, both congregations expressed an interest in having occasional special Sundays where we could worship together. In response, we have selected two dates for this fall. On Sunday, October 7 we will have one worship service for both churches hosted at GRC at 11am. We will not have our normal 9am worship service here at Blawenburg Reformed Church (BRC) that Sunday. Instead both congregations are invited to worship together at GRC. On November 18 we will have a chance to host a joint service at our normal 9am worship time. I hope you will make every effort to come to both services; I'm sure they will be a blessing to everyone involved.

## Worship Schedule for October Through November 4

Sunday, October 7 - Matthew 11:28-30 – “Jesus’ Yoke”  
*Joint Worship hosted at Griggstown at 11am - World Communion Sunday*

Sunday, October 14 – Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, October 21 – Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, October 28 – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, November 4 – Revelation 21:1-6

## WORSHIP—Continued



### Nursery Guidelines

As the demand for our Nursery grows, we have a few guidelines we need to establish for the safety of our children:

The first time you avail yourself of the nursery for your child, you must accompany them, introduce yourselves to Eleanor Myers, our caregiver, and fill out the emergency contact information sheet, and sign the attendance book with your cell phone #. Each time there is a new person accompanying a child to the nursery, they must sign them in with their cell #. Eleanor is in the nursery from 8:45 on. You can do this before church if you would like or later. Feel free to remain with your child in the Nursery as long as needed, especially at first.

After that, your child may accompany another parent to the Nursery, if you wish, but must *always be accompanied by some adult*.

If Eleanor or your child is in need of you, Eleanor will text or call you to come over for your child. Eleanor will give you her cell # and you should feel free to text her with any concerns. Once the children are in the nursery, it is disruptive to other children for them to leave, nor do we want them leaving unaccompanied, for their own safety.

### Congregational Meeting—October 28

There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on October 28. The Finance Team will present the budget for 2019. It will also be a time to ask questions and celebrate the blessings of God in Blawenburg. Please plan to attend.

### Thank You Chaplain Nancy Curtis

While Pastor Jeff and his family were away on vacation, we welcomed Chaplain Nancy Curtis to the pulpit. Nancy preached two messages from the book of James. On Sunday, August 26, she preached a message on Christian Attitude and on September 2 her message was about Christian Conduct. You can find recordings of these sermons on the church's website or on our Facebook page. Thank you, Nancy. We always enjoy your insightful messages.



We commit our gifts to **LIFE-LONG LEARNING** providing spiritual growth opportunities for all.

### Sunday School Began on September 9



Sunday school teachers Barb Reid and Bernice Van Nostrand



Barb Antoniewicz sings and signs a praise song.



Ms. Reid helps students with their craft during response time.

### Sunday School Begins

Our Sunday school program began on September 9. Eight children came to hear the story of Creation. Following the Bible story, the younger children were able to decorate supply bags and started coloring wheels depicting the days of Creation. Upcoming stories for September will be about Noah, Abram's journey and Isaac's birth. We appreciate all those who have been willing to help. If you would like to help out, please contact Bernice Van Nostrand.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10am** in the Church Library. Come join us as we read and discuss scripture for the upcoming Sunday message and take time to pray with one another. Coffee and an occasional treat will be provided.



Never too young for Bible study

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will not meet this fall as previously planned. The possibility will be revisited when it seems there is an interest and a need for study in the future. Please let Pastor Jeff know of your interest.

### Mary and Martha Book Group

The group will meet on September 27 at 6:15pm in the home of Bernice Van Nostrand. If you would like to attend, please let Bernice know. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month and begins with study and prayer requests and then enjoys a simple dinner together.



## Blawenburg Village School

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 info@blawenburgvillageschool.com | Angela Wright, Director



We looked forward to the start of the 2018-2019 school year, and now it is here! Our teachers prepared their classrooms and planned wonderful experiences to enrich the lives of our energetic preschoolers. If you haven't done so already, you can get your 2-3 year old and your 3-4 year old enrolled. Your child can be involved in an exciting and enriching year of preschool.

Our Sprouts and Buds programs both focus on helping your child with socialization and self-help skills. Remember to share our email with friends and family who are looking for the best opportunity for their preschool-aged child.

Our school year began with orientations on September 6 and September 7 beginning at 10:00am. Monday, September 10 was the first day of class!

Here's a great list of books to help prepare children for the start of preschool:

*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

*Will I Have a Friend?* by Miriam Cohen

*When I Miss You* by Cornelia Maude Spelman

*It's Time for Preschool* by Esme Raj Codell

*David Goes to School* by David Shannon

*First Day of School* by Anne Rockwell

*Take a Kiss to School* by Angela McAllister

*A Pocketful of Kisses* by Audrey Penn

### Orientation 2018



Pastor and BVS Committee give out information



Moms and Dads tour the preschool



Moms consult with new director, Angela Wright

For additional information, call the school office at 609-466-6600 or email Angela Wright, Director [awright@blawenburgvillageschool.com](mailto:awright@blawenburgvillageschool.com).

We commit our gifts to **HOSPITALITY** caring for those in our congregation and the greater community.



The Hospitality Team would like to thank everyone who has provided refreshments and drinks all year long. Everyone seems to love the social time following the church service, and, of course, we love our snacks.

We especially would like to thank all of you who donate to our coffee fund. Through these donations, we are able to buy paper products and coffee that are needed for fellowship hour. Some of you have also donated coffee.

All is greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing our service.

### Church Kick-off Picnic - September 8



## HOSPITALITY—Continued



### Church Kick-off Picnic

On September 8 the church community was invited to enjoy the hospitality of the Clancy family. Attendees enjoyed a wide range of appetizers. Grill master Kevin grilled sausages, burgers, and pork roll. Guests provided side dishes as well as some prepared by chef Allison. After swimming and lots of conversation, we enjoyed delicious desserts.

Thank you, Allison and Kevin, for your kind hospitality.

*We commit our gifts to **MISSIONS** serving those in need both locally and around the world.*

## Church World Service Kits— September's Mission Project



For some, it's Christmas in July. For ShopRite, however, it's school supplies in August--at a good price! If you want to start early on our September mission project, below is a list of what is needed for a Church World Service School Kit. A cloth bag will be provided (thanks to our in-house sewing group and fabric contributor). We will also be collecting for Hygiene Kits. See the lists below. You can also check the site: [church-worldservice.org/kits](http://church-worldservice.org/kits). The children who will benefit from your

generosity will be very grateful.

### Here's what you'll need for a school kit:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

### Here's what you'll need for a hygiene kit:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package (no toothpaste)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final destination.

Value: \$15.00

Processing fee: \$2.00 per kit

Service kits will be packed on September 23 during fellowship.

## MISSIONS - Continued



### CROP HungerWalk ...from Blawenburg...Sunday, October 14

Please join us as we walk together in the South Somerset County CROP HungerWalk to raise awareness of and to contribute money to fight the root causes of hunger globally and to contribute money and canned tuna fish (large or small cans) to help hunger locally. Blawenburg Reformed Church is honored to host this year's Walk and is excited that we now have the new sidewalk to take us safely down and around Skillman Park! It promises to be a beautiful walk and way to put our 'Faith into Action'!

Monies raised go to Church World Service who works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Our campaign begins September 23. Envelopes will be in Cook Hall at fellowship for all Walkers to use in collecting Sponsors' donations and listing online donations, which we are encouraging this year. Visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/hillsboroughnj](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/hillsboroughnj) and enter Blawenburg Reformed Church for your 'Team'. You may register yourself there or donate to a listed Walker. If you can't walk with us, please sponsor a Walker, giving your contribution in advance to the Walker and contribute tuna fish for the Food Bank. Consider donating what you might spend on a nice dinner out for you and your family. Once again, twenty-five percent of monies raised will be split between the Somerset County Food Bank Network and SHIP, the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program. All checks should be made out to: CWS/CROP (not BRC as we have done in the past.)

We will meet this year at Cook Hall at 1:30 on Sunday, October 14. BRC friends will join 11 other faith communities and high school Interact groups in this three-mile circular walk which will commence at 2:00 P.M.

As Host this year, we will need help with refreshments and hospitality. Look for the sign-up sheet in Cook Hall.



### Samaritan's Purse --FYI



As a reminder, we will not be filling the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes this year as we have done for many years in the past. Last November, a number of people in our congregation felt a bit overwhelmed with having major mission projects as well as Sinterklaas for four months in a row. The Missions Team listened to you and voted not to continue with this mission focus. However, if anyone is interested in filling a box or two with your family, or would like to make it a neighborhood project, there are pre-printed boxes available for your use. Just ask a member of the Missions Team (Sonya Hunt, Dave Cochran, Pastor Jeff, and Barbara Pavlicek). All the information that you will need can be found at [samaritanpurse.org](http://samaritanpurse.org). The Collection Week for completed boxes is the third week of November, 12-19.

## MISSIONS - Continued

### Special SHIP Lunch In October – Two Opportunities to Volunteer!

We have done several meals for SHIP, but this October we are mixing things up! Rather than asking for donations of food, we will be asking for your volunteer support to both help cook and serve our October meal. I hope you will consider helping out - see the details below!

#### HELPING TO COOK!

**Sunday, October 28 at 7:00pm – Blawenburg Church Kitchen**

On Sunday, October 28 Pastor Jeff is looking for a few eager chefs to help do some cooking! We will meet in the church kitchen to cook and prepare all the food for the SHIP meal, which will be served the following Tuesday. Jeff and Jamie Knol will have recipes and all the ingredients needed. All you need to do is come ready to help cook! This will be a volunteer opportunity and it will be a lot of fun - look for a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

#### HELPING TO SERVE!

**Tuesday, October 30 – United Reformed Church, Somerville**

As usual we will need around ten volunteers on Tuesday, October 30 to help set-up, serve, and clean up our meal. The meal will be hosted at the United Reformed Church in Somerville. Volunteers will meet to carpool from BRC at 10:15am. If you would like to volunteer, look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

### Faith into Action

Come Sinterklaas, we will have beautifully embroidered hand towels to sell at our craft table thanks to the sewing/embroidery project of a church in the city of Chennai in South India. How did this happen? Sam Prince, a new member of our church, shared the story of his parents, who are both actively running the project. "The sewing project started as an idea to teach skills for people who cannot afford to learn something new on their own. We plan to get them set on a path for certification, which would eventually open up job opportunities such as Sewing Teacher in a school or Sewing Specialist in the nearby garment industry. Most of the ladies who attend the program work as maids and make a minimal wage. The program starts around 10am everyday to allow them to finish their daily work and then attend the program. The hope is that this project would open up other possibilities for them to pursue. . . . We recently expanded to another village in the outskirts of Chennai with the help of a local church there." What a lovely way put faith into action!



Sam's Parents: Stuart Yesudian and Lily Stuart



Treadle Sewing Machines

We commit our gifts to **PROCLAMATION** spreading the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

### BRC at the GRC Harvest Home



Good food and good music enjoyed by all



Ethel and Barb P. helped out



Pastor Jeff joined the GRC Praise Band



### Blue Pomegranate

Blue Pomegranate launches its sixth season on Thursday, September 20, and quite a show is planned!

New Jersey's power pop band, The Beagles, celebrating the release of their debut CD, *Bed of Roses*, will take the stage with their live sets, featuring a mix of songs from the CD, as well as unique spins on standards and covers. The artist for the evening is Jeanne Elodie, a self-described Renaissance artist, who not only paints, specializing in murals and portraits, but also adds sculpting and photography to her list of artistic accomplishments.



Doors open at 7:00pm in Cook Hall on September 20. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged and go to support the musicians. Refreshment contributions are always appreciated. If you can help out in this regard, give Mimi Coffey a call. 609.497.1319 (home) or 609.865.5227 (cell).

Information about Blue Pomegranate can be found on the church's website: [www.BlawenburgChurch.org](http://www.BlawenburgChurch.org), or on Facebook @BluePomArt.



## PROCLAMATION—Continued

### Community Conversations: Light in the Darkness Film Screening

St. Charles Borromeo Church, 47 Skillman Rd., Skillman, NJ 08558

Monday, September 17 at 7 PM – 9 PM CDT

Please join us for a film screening and conversation about how to combat hate and prejudice. We will be screening a 30 minute film followed by conversation.

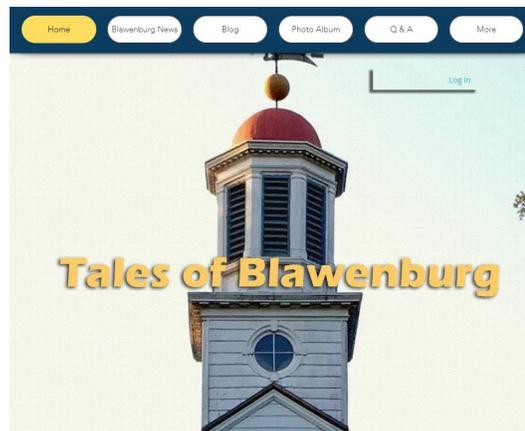
#### About Light In The Darkness

Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness tells the story of the residents in a Long Island community taking action after Marcelo Lucero, a local immigrant, is killed in a hate crime attack. The story provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence.

#### About Not In Our Town

Launched by The Working Group in 1995, Not In Our Town began with a PBS documentary that told the story of how people in Billings, Montana joined together to respond to a series of hate crimes in their town. This simple, powerful story of citizens banding together struck a chord with audiences, and created a model that inspired viewers around the country to hold their own campaigns against intolerance. Not In Our Town has grown from a PBS documentary into a national effort to connect people working together to take action against hate and create safe, inclusive communities.

Learn more at [NIOT.org](http://NIOT.org)



Learn about the history of the Village of Blawenburg at Tales of Blawenburg. This new blog, which will launch in mid-September, tells many stories of Blawenburg's past – how it was settled, how it developed, and some interesting tales along the way. Written by Dave Cochran, it contains many pictures from the past and present with opportunities for readers to share their own pictures and thoughts. Join for free today at [www.blawenburgtales.com](http://www.blawenburgtales.com).



### Men's Community Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be on October 3 here in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the following breakfast on November 7. Come on out, guys, and bring your hungry friends!

## PROCLAMATION—Continued

***SINTERKLAAS 2018***  
**December 8** *(It's Sooner Than You Think!)*  
**9:00am – 2:00pm**

Yes, it's hard to believe. As we say goodbye to the heat of the summer, we come to realize that Sinterklaas is, indeed, right around the corner. Last year we added two new components to the bazaar, and they were so successful that we simply must bring them back this year:

Our church will be open for a **quilt display** for the duration of the event. Last year many individuals toured the sanctuary as they admired the quilts. We are thankful that Nancy Curtis has once again agreed to coordinate the display, and she needs your quilts! Please consider lending us one or more for the day.

Many thanks to Allison Clancy for her hard work in re-introducing our **Silent Auction** last year...and to the many who contributed beautiful baskets. We hope to build on that success once again this year! All items should still have a minimum value of \$50. They do not have to be in baskets when they are services or big-ticket items like vacation timeshares or sports tickets, but clustered, themed items in a gift basket are also very popular and much appreciated. Do you have contacts in local businesses to ask for services or merchandise? (Contribution acknowledgement forms as well as a flyer about BRC/Sinterklaas will be available soon outside the office for you to have on hand for this.) What gifts can you share? Gardening, snow shoveling, carpentry, sorting....? Rumor has it that a culinary/hospitality talent is 'cooking up' a catered dinner party for the holidays for the auction. Yum! A **detailed description** of all items or baskets is due in to Gracie no later than **November 18** (earlier is welcome!) as we hope to print up a booklet and advertise the items publicly well ahead of time to appeal to a larger audience.

In addition, we ask that you start to make all of those wonderful **frozen soups, jams, jellies and preserves, as well as your frozen pies**. The crafters have been working so diligently all year to prepare for this event, but they are always in need of your **handiwork**. Also, with fall cleaning, think of **White Elephant** for your gently used special treasures to be re-gifted, as well as Christmas Décor.

Please mark your calendars for December 8, start to consider where your talents lie, and volunteer. Help us to make this event a day of fun and fellowship as we raise money for God's work in our church and in our community.

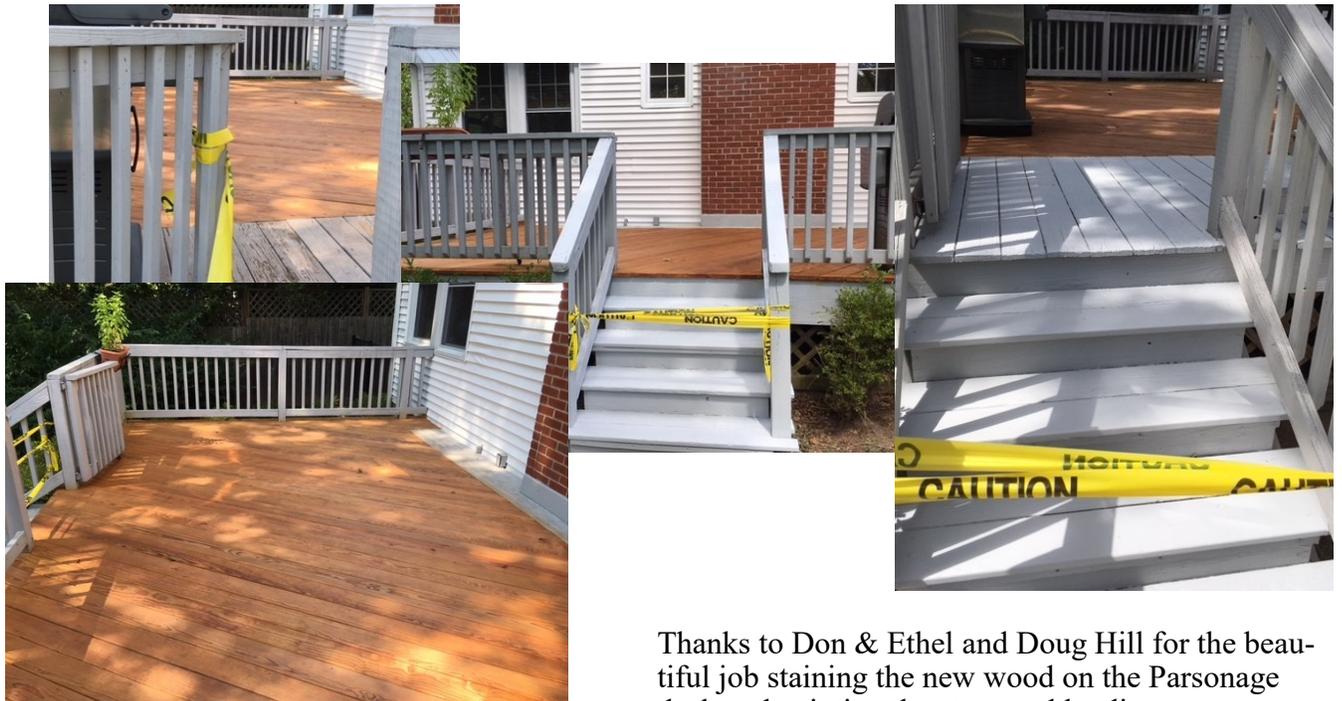
In love and appreciation, your co-chairs: **Gracie Johnson 609.466.1862, gtuckerbj@gmail.com, and Barb Reid 609.558.4471, bareid35@aol.com**

### Think Soup

It's not too early to begin thinking about which soups you would like to make for Sinterklaas (December 8). There are plenty of fresh vegetables available now to help you get a head start on soup-making. There are a few containers in the kitchen, but the main supply will arrive in early October. Remember...more soup, less stress!



# Properties Team, always at work



Thanks to Don & Ethel and Doug Hill for the beautiful job staining the new wood on the Parsonage deck and painting the steps and landing.



## Free for the taking

The book shelf and piano pictured are both available for free. Transportation required. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



## Cemetery—Cremains and Memorial Garden

The Cemetery Team is beginning to explore designs for a Cremains and Memorial Garden within our cemetery. If you know of any designs or actual gardens for us to look at or visit, or have ideas of what you'd like to see there, please contact Ginny Doremus, Gracie Johnson, or Greg Schmidt.



**OFFICE HOURS**

**MON** 8:30 to 1:30

**THUR** 8:30 to 3:30

**FRI** 8:30 to 11:30

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**Weekly Events**

**Tuesday**

Bible Study 10:00am

**Saturday**

AA 8:00pm

**Sunday**

Worship 9am

Sunday School 10am

**Summary of Dates  
(See articles for more information.)**

**Plan Ahead—**

**September**

- 16 Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center  
Art Exhibit 2-4pm Blawenburg Café
- 17 Not In Our Town at St. Charles (see p.14)
- 18 Consistory 7:30pm CW Center
- 20 Blue Pomegranate 7:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Hopewell Harvest Fair 10-4pm
- 23 Celebration Singers 8:15am Sanctuary  
Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center
- 24 Team budgets due this week
- 30 Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center

**October**

- 1 Properties Team 12:30pm CW Center
- 3 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Fellowship Hall
- 4 Mission Team 10:15am Church Library  
Comm Team 11:00am Church Library
- 7 Joint Worship & Communion 11:00am GRC  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center
- 9 Classis Meeting 7:00pm Addisville RC
- 11 BVS Board Meeting 9:30am Ch. Library  
Worship Team 2:30pm Church Library
- 14 Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center  
CROP Walk 1:30pm Cook Hall
- 16 Consistory 7:30pm CW Center
- 18 Blue Pomegranate 7:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center
- 23 Beacon Deadline
- 28 Worship 9:00am Sanctuary  
Congregational Meeting 10:00am Sanctuary  
Sunday School 10:00am CW Center
- 30 SHIP Lunch 10:15 Parking Lot

**BRC Mission Statement**

*The Blawenburg Reformed Church is a covenant community of God's people united in Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

*We commit our gifts to worship, hospitality, life-long learning, serving those in need, and proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**September**

- 15 Ginny Doremus  
Jotham Johnson
- 16 Cal Urbanski  
Mary Beth Sharman
- 21 Karen Larsen
- 22 Sarah Hong
- 25 David Curtis
- 28 Jean Beachell

**October**

- 9 Bob Sharman
- 12 Eva Maestriperi
- 14 Mimi Coffey
- 15 Max Urbanski
- 16 Rich Van Doren
- 23 Evelyn Cochran
- 25 Jeff Knol
- 28 Marc Hong

*If you don't see your name listed and it should be, please let Karen know so we can celebrate with you!*

If anyone would like to contribute photos for future Beacons, we welcome them. Please send photos via email to Barb Pavlicek and Karen Larsen by the date of the deadline. (See p. 3)



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