



# The Blawenburg Beacon

Newsletter for the members and friends of the Blawenburg Reformed Church

October 2016

Greetings Friends in Christ,

This week I have been thinking about our role as the church in the world. It is tempting to be cynical. It is tempting to see only the bad and the problematic things in our world. It can be easy to assume that the world is heading down in a terrible spiral. It can be tempting to throw in the towel and give up hope on the world.



As tempting as that may be, our faith in God moves us in a different direction. As members of God's Church, God has a role for us to play in His work of redemption. I believe that God is active in this world. I believe that God is teaching this world about love.

We are God's partners in that endeavor. As the Church we have a calling to teach the world about love. Love is something that everyone knows about. Love is something that everybody recognizes when it happens. But love is also challenging and mysterious.

As a church we seek to understand God's love. As a church we worship, study, pray, live, and serve all in a quest to discover more and more about God's love. As we do, we find God moving us to express that same love to others. Our actions, informed by God's love, have a transformative effect upon our world. This is the process of redemption.

I am so grateful to be with you in our endeavor to teach the world to love. May God give us the wisdom and encouragement we need for this awesome calling.

In God's Love,  
Pastor Jeff

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## Announcement of Installation

*The installation of the Rev. Jeffery Knol will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We hope everyone will plan to attend this important occasion for our church.*

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

### Scripture for October Worship Services

Date	Special Event	First Reading	Sermon Reading
October 2 – Communion		Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 9 – Family Breakfast		Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15
October 16 - Worship		Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
October 23 – Installation (4pm)		Psalm 84: 1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
October 30 – Worship		Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23

### Highlights from Consistory Meeting of September 26, 2016

(See this Beacon for more information on many of these topics.)

1. Sonya Hunt shared a devotional suggesting that we were created to soar based on a passage in Isaiah
2. Announcements were made on the following topics: M&M Book Group; new educational class entitled Just the Basics; Game Night, Family Breakfast Worship; Classis Meeting; CROP Hunger Walk; Men's Breakfast; Classis Workshop; and the Installation of Pastor Jeff.
3. Minister's Report
  - A. Visitation to many people in his first month
  - B. Successful weekend at Hopewell Harvest Fair and Montgomery FunFest--many contacts
  - C. Discussed new members class for October 17th
  - D. Pastor Jeff, Dave Cochran et al will meet with MCC staff to review our partnership and to see what we can do together.
4. Team Reports
  - A. Properties - Work on Mem. Hall on hold until a tenant is secured; roots blocking septic system at parsonage; problem taken care of
  - B. Care Team - Barb Reid is doing a great job in keeping the congregation aware of the prayer needs of our people by email, phone, and the bulletin.
  - C. Missions - possible missions trip next summer with another Reformed church
  - D. Life-Long Learning - An educational series for all ages starts on October 2 at 8:32 entitled Just the Basics with Pastor Jeff.
5. Status of Teams - By the end of the year each team is asked to submit a mission statement, liaison's name, team members' names, and one new goal.

### Digitizing Our Past

It was so nice to visit with long-time member Mike Vande Woude (now living in Virginia) on September 25th. Mike had been at a meeting at New Brunswick Theological Seminary of the New Netherlands Institute. The meeting included many Dutch Historical Societies from across the country and also included participants from Leiden and Amsterdam Universities in Holland. Mike had specific conversations with the RCA Historian and Archivist. Mike has arranged to have our church's historical records digitized and preserved. He volunteered our church as a pilot for this project before it goes nationwide to digitize the records of all of the Dutch history of the Reformed Church in America. The preservation of our records had always been a concern for Tom Skillman and Grace Terhune. They would be pleased that this will begin to happen. It is no surprise, then, that Peggy Querec (daughter of Grace) volunteered to help organize this effort. More help will be needed from the congregation. If you are an historical buff or an organizing type of person, please let that be known! You can contact Peg at [mquerec@yahoo.com](mailto:mquerec@yahoo.com) or by phone at 908-239-0621. More information will be shared as it unfolds.

Mike Vande Woude speaks to the congregation.



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

### Church Picnic—September 11

The members of the church were invited to enjoy the home and hospitality of Allison and Kevin Clancy following the worship service on Kick-off Sunday, September 11th. Those who attended brought a dish to share. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had an afternoon of entertaining games, good conversation, delicious food and fun fellowship. Many thanks to the Clancy family for hosting this event.



Conversation Group



Handsome threesome, Jamie, Jeff, and Alan.



Beautiful View



Line up for Game Time—  
Pass the Kindness



If your name is Barbara, join the group!



Pink and blue, the colors of the day.

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

### **NURSERY HELP NEEDED!**

We are in need of help caring for young children. If you know of someone who might be interested in this paid job each Sunday morning, please let Gracie Johnson know. 609-466-1862

**Family Breakfast and Worship—Sunday October 9 at 8:32am** in Cook Hall Fellowship area. All are welcome. Our pastor, Rev. Jeff Knol, will be leading the brief, kid-friendly worship following breakfast. Jen Lizzi, the music teacher from Blawenburg Village Preschool, leads us in music again this year.



We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to [BlawenburgChurch@gmail.com](mailto:BlawenburgChurch@gmail.com) by October 6 with the number who will attend. There is no charge for this event; however, donations are always appreciated.

**Bible study meets on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM** in Cook Hall. Come join us as we read and discuss scripture for the upcoming Sunday and take time to pray with one another. Coffee and the occasional treat will be provided.

### **"Just the Basics!" A New Educational Series from Pastor Jeff**

Pastor Jeff will be offering an education series called "Just the Basics" which will start on Sunday, October 2nd at 8:32am. The series will look at topics that are basic to Christianity. We will explore topics such as faith, baptism, sin, salvation, heaven, hell, mission, prayer, and others. Each week we will engage a new topic and our sessions will always leave time for discussion and questions. We will meet in the Bible Study room, which is across from the administrator's office in Cook Hall on Sunday mornings. We will begin at 8:32am and conclude prior to the 10am worship service.

#### **The Calendar for October:**

- Sunday, Oct. 2nd - Faith and Belief: What are they and how do they work?
- Sunday, Oct... 9th - *Breakfast Worship*
- Sunday, Oct 16th - Conversion: Do I have to be born again?
- Sunday, Oct 23rd - Baptism Session 1: The Biblical Background
- Sunday, Oct .30th - Baptism Session 2: Different beliefs & practices in Christian traditions

### **Mary & Martha**

The Mary and Martha group will meet on Monday, October 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at Bernice's. The group has been busy gathering suggested book titles for their next few discussions. They are learning there are many excellent "Reads" out there and need to decide on a schedule. Hopefully, there will be time for another Hymn Sing, also. The group really knows how to sing their favorite hymns!



## Blawenburg Village School

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### **Routine is Key for Students** *Establish a routine early*

As we continue to settle in to a new school year, be sure to come up with a routine that works for your family and stick with it! Research suggests that routines are paramount to the success for students of all ages. [Click here to read the benefits of a routine.](#)

The 2016 – 2017 school year is off to a great start! All classes have settled in nicely and are looking forward to the many upcoming events and programs starting in October.

Students in all classes will participate in Bible Story with Mrs. Van Nostrand and Ms. Reid. Our music and movement program will also begin in October. All classes will meet weekly with Jen Lizzi to explore the wonders of music.

Our first session of Soccer Shots will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to experiencing weekly soccer sessions with their trained coaches. Children ages 3-5 are welcome to join us on Monday afternoons for this fun 8-week session.

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking a family field trip to Norz Hill Farm in Hillsborough. Our students will be learning about various farm animals, as well as enjoying a hayride to the pumpkin patch, where they will pick their own pumpkin.

Kid's Night Out is an event hosted by BVS and made especially for kids ages 2-11. All of our Kid's Nights are organized and staffed by the BVS teachers. During each 3-hour (5:30-8:30) event children are served dinner and dessert. They participate in crafts, watch a movie and play games. We will host several Kid's Nights a year with the first on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Children do not need to be registered students of BVS. All are welcome! [Check the website for registration details.](#)

The month will end with our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween festivities on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30.

There are limited openings available in some programs for the 2016-2017 school year. If interested, please call the school office at 609-466-6600 or send an email to [khill@blawenburgvillageschool.com](mailto:khill@blawenburgvillageschool.com).

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

## A Farewell from Rev. Ken Bradsell

Dear friends and partners in ministry,  
*“Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.”*



It is with a measure of deep sadness that I write this letter. I will be returning to Oman on September 13 following months of providing support and care for my wife, Marcia, as she continues on the road to recovery from her major heart attack on June 12. The heart attack occurred while we were traveling to our USA home in Maine after a full week of church visits, teaching and preaching in New York and New Jersey. Marcia spent nine days in cardiac intensive care in Connecticut before she was well enough to be transported the six hours to our Maine home and transferred to the care of cardiologists in Portland. Her recovery has been positive. However, she faces additional surgery this fall and a long road to recovery. She is unable to return to Oman.

For this reason, I have been in conversation with both the Rev. Doug Leonard, RCA Director of Global Mission, and the Rev. Dr. Duncan Hanson, supervisor of the RCA’s personnel in the Middle East and Europe. Together we have agreed that it is time for my service with the Protestant Church in Oman to end so I can give my full attention and support to Marcia in the coming months and years.

Our two sons will provide interim care for Marcia so I can return to Oman briefly. I will be concluding my service with the congregations in Muscat on Friday, October 7 so I am able to be back in the USA for Marcia’s continuing care.

Our intent when we answered the call to serve in Oman in 2014 was to remain for not less than three, and we had hoped five years. That is no longer possible. I have been assured by Rev. Dr. Hanson and Rev. Leonard that they are seeking an RCA pastor who will join the pastoral team in a matter of months.

Many of you began your support for the ministry in Oman during my all-to-brief ministry with the Protestant Church there. The ministry continues and is as vibrant as ever with over 1000 in attendance weekly, a full range of programs for adults, children, and youth, and mission outreach around the world. The RCA began this work 125 years ago. I hope and pray you will continue to support it in the months and years ahead.

Blessings,  
 Rev. Kenneth R. Bradsell

## MISSIONS (Continued)



**Kits Complete!**



Many thanks to Barb Reid for helping to organize and set up the tables in Cook Hall with the items for the Church World Service School and Hygiene Kits. After church on Sunday, September 18, Evelyn, Nancy, Barb A., Sonya, and Pastor Jeff put the kits together in a short amount of time. And thanks to the unpacked moving cartons donated by the Knols, Barb R. and Barb P. were able to pack the kits for delivery to the drop-off site in Bloomfield. Great teamwork! Thank you. And again, thank you to everyone who shopped and donated the needed items or the money for them, or donated the money for processing and shipping the kits around the country or the world.



### **CROP HUNGER WALK ...from Harlingen...SUN. – OCT. 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

Hunger is not a game. Please join us as we walk together in the South Somerset County CROP Hunger Walk to raise awareness of and to contribute money to fight the root causes of hunger globally and to contribute peanut butter to the food bank to help hunger locally. Monies raised go to Church World Service that works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Envelopes are in Cook Hall at fellowship for Walkers to use in collecting Sponsors' donations. If you can't walk with us, please sponsor a Walker and contribute peanut butter for us to take to the Walk. 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. We will meet this year at the Harlingen Reformed Church [34 Dutchtown Road at Rte.206], at 1:30 on Sunday, October 16th. BRC friends will join 15 other faith and high school Interact groups in this 3.6 mile circular walk which will commence at 2:00 P.M. (There have been demands for a shorter walk, so there is even a shorter alternate of 1.8 miles! Although it doesn't have the same visibility for awareness of the cause, you can still walk on your own at another time, if you can't make it with us on the 16<sup>th</sup>.)

To make it even easier to help this need, CWS is encouraging online giving at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org). Check it out!

\$\$ should be collected in advance, if possible, and turned in to the office by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made out to BRC, noting CROPWALK on the memo line.

More info: contact Gracie Johnson, 609-468-9475 or [gtuckerbj@gmail.com](mailto:gtuckerbj@gmail.com)



## MISSIONS (Continued)



### Time to Fill Boxes!

Our November Mission Focus is OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. If you are filling a shoe box individually or with your family, please return filled box by Sunday, November 13. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world at Christmas and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This mission of Rev. Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse always comes early! These shoe box gifts reach children ages 2-14 in countries suffering from natural disasters, wars and endemic poverty. The boxes are fun to fill by yourself or with your children. You can find lots of fun and useful things in dollar stores. For ideas of what, and what not, to pack into your shoe box, see items listed here or go to [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org), where you can also print out an insert form that will allow you to track your package to its destination. Flat, scored, decorated boxes are available and do not have to be wrapped; all you need to do is fold and fill! Then secure the lid with a rubber band only. Packing ideas and insert forms will be available later this month. We will sort and pack boxes on Sunday, November 13th to be delivered the following week. The Mission Team hopes you can support this outreach effort by packing a shoe box or two or by buying bulk items for several shoe boxes and then by joining us at coffee hour on November 13th .

### GIFT IDEAS

**TOYS** - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - pens, pencils and manual sharpener, crayons or markers, rubber stamps and ink pad sets, small writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** - toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, wash cloth, etc.

**OTHER** - Hard candy and lollipops (Please double bag all candy.), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

**A PERSONAL NOTE** - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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

### Fall Fair and FunFest

BRC and BVS were well represented at two community events in September, the Hopewell Harvest Fair and the Montgomery FunFest. Attendees were given popcorn and invited to POP IN sometime to worship with us or to check out the preschool. We pray the seeds that were planted will bear fruit for the Kingdom.



## POP IN SOME TIME!



Spin and Win!

Welcome one and all!

Proclamation continued on Pg. 10

### From the Property Team

#### Company is Coming!!

Time to clean house! We will be hosting the next Classis meeting (and dinner) on October 11th and Pastor Jeff's Installation on October 23rd. Help us clean up and spruce up our place of worship. Let Ethel know when you can help on the following dates. You can reach her at 908-359-6027 or call the church office.

- October 6 & 7**—Sanctuary cleaning of window sills and stairwells
- November 12 & December 10—9 Noon**, leaf raking with the Boy Scouts.

*If you would like to Adopt-A-Project to help with the upkeep of our church property, please talk to Jean Beachell or Ethel Terhune.*

#### Many Thanks

Our thanks go out to Doug Hill for sprucing up the entrance of the parsonage which gives a warm welcome to those visiting Jamie and Jeff Knol.



## PROCLAMATION (Continued)

### Family Game Night - Monthly Beginning Oct. 7th, 7 - 10 pm

Blawenburg Reformed Church Family Game Night is coming...

Bring your family, your friends, or just yourself for an evening of, excitement, competition, and fun-filled game playing...

Who's got game...??

What's an awesome way to spend the evening?

Let me draw you a picture. Guaranteed to be a night without compare!

What's a fun event that starts with a 'G'? Game Night!

Pictionary, Trivia, Apples to Apples, Charades, Jenga, Sorry, Spoons, Uno, Clue, Dominoes, and more...

Join us for a 'winning' night! Details below.

**When: Friday, October 7, 2016, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

Location: Memorial Hall (Building next to Blawenburg Reformed Church)  
424 County Highway 518 N., Blawenburg, NJ 08504

Light refreshments will be served.

So, all you competitive people out there...we challenge you to Bring your Game On!

We are looking forward to seeing you Friday, October 7th!

**\*\*If anyone would like to donate supplies or games for this event, please contact Allison Clancy at (732) 672-6766 (call or text). Thank you!**

#### Items Needed:

Crayons

Children's markers (water soluble, no permanent please)

Coloring Books

Board Games

Card Games

DVDs (family oriented)

Reading books (all age groups, children's preferred)



**PROCLAMATION (Continued)**

**Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast will resume at the Red Oak Diner on Wednesday, October 19th, Routes 206 and 518, at 7:30am. Let Dave know if you plan to be there— davidc99@aol.com. Start the fall season with food and fellowship with friends.



**September Blue Pomegranate**

Attendees at last month's gathering enjoyed the music of Montgomery Ministries Music Ensemble. They performed a selection of contemporary Christian music.



Jared Della Ratta poses with his artwork



**CHRIS HARFORD CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF BLUE POMEGRANATE**

Local musician Chris Harford will bring his musical talents along with his BAND OF CHANGES to the Blue Pomegranate on Thursday October 20th 2016 for a very special evening of music and art.

Along with Chris and his band, the evening will include special guests. Visual art for the evening will include paintings, photography and pottery by Harford along with several other local artists including event organizer Alan Taback from the Blawenburg Church.

In the nine months since the doors have opened, **The Blue Pomegranate** has continued to foster and create an on-going monthly event providing a welcome, joyful and creatively inspired evening building community through the love of music and art.

**The Blue Pomegranate** is held on the third Thursday of the months of September, October, and November in the fall and April, May and June in the spring. It is held in Memorial Hall on the Blawenburg Church campus The address is

- Where: Memorial Hall**
- When: October 20th**
- Time 7:30-10:00 pm**
- Cost: donation
- Refreshments: Provided

## PROCLAMATION (Continued)

### ***SINTERKLAAS 2016***

(It's Not Too Early!)

The Date - December 3

The Time - 9:00am - 2:00pm

The Co-Chairs - Gracie Johnson 609.466.1862  
gtuckerbj@gmail.com and Barb Reid  
609.558.4471 bareid35@aol.com

#### **What We Need:**

Crafts - Do you like to sew or quilt? Bernice would welcome your handiwork. Suggestions include, but are not limited to bibs, pot holders, knitted dish cloths, baby hats and sweaters, scarves, socks, handmade cards and tags, Christmas ornaments and décor. Please put a suggested sale price on your item.

***Bernice Van Nostrand, Chair 908.359.6579  
vns206@aol.com***

Frozen Soups - A note from the soup guy: It's that time of the year again when we will be building up our soup supply. Soup sales have been a big hit at previous Sinterklaas events and we would like to continue the tradition this year. We are looking for at least 150 containers of soup (in pints and quarts). The good news is that if many of us fill just a few containers, we will reach our goal. The process is straightforward.

1. Find your favorite recipe.
2. Get soup containers in the basement of Cook Hall. We have pint containers now and quarts plus more lids should arrive by mid-October. We have both pints and quarts to accommodate different quantity needs.
3. Make the soup at your convenience.
4. IMPORTANT: Tape a label on the LID of the soup container that lists the name of the soup and its ingredients.
5. Put the soup in the freezer in the kitchen of Cook Hall anytime. Be sure to print your name and the name and quantities of your soups in the blue folder near the freezer.



That's it! When you've made your soup, sit down and relax knowing that you've helped the church raise money for God's work in our church and community. Thanks in advance for your help. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

***Dave Cochran, Chair 609.466.3539  
davidc99@aol.com***

Baked Goods - Cookies, candies, breads such as pumpkin and zucchini, cakes, pies, jams & jellies, and just about any other culinary treats are welcome. Please place cookies in packages of 6. Make sure to label everything with all ingredients and your initials.

***Evelyn Cochran, Chair 609.466.3539  
davidc99@aol.com***

White Elephant - Peggy is looking for treasures such as holiday décor, ornaments, china, collectibles, new and gently used items appropriate for gift giving, and toys. Not sure what might be considered a treasure? Ask Peggy, our resident expert.

***Peggy Querec, Chair 609.924.8718  
mquerec@yahoo.com***

Heifer International Mission Table - When the time comes, Barb P. will need help with her booth set-up. Do you have a decorative eye? If so, wow with her. She would also love to have small inexpensive stuffed animals and books about the animals we buy for the Ark, to sell along with the donation. It makes a nice gift package for young children learning about the mission of Heifer.

Animals include cows, sheep, camels, oxen, water buffalo, pigs, honeybees, goats, donkeys, ducks, rabbits, guinea pigs, geese, chicks, and llamas.

***Barb Pavlicek, Chair 609.683.5523  
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Brunch - Help is needed in the kitchen with regard to preparation, set up, serving and clean up. ***Lisa White, Chair 908.359.6320  
lisaawhite1@comcast.net***

## PROCLAMATION (Continued)

### *SINTERKLAAS 2016 (Con't)*

Other Vendors - Do you know someone who might be interested in selling their handcrafted wares at the bazaar and offering the church a percentage of their sales? If so, please speak with Gracie or Barb R.

Publicity - Can you write a press release for the local newspaper? (Would you like to learn how? There are individuals at church who can help.) Can you paint a sign? (Again, there are those who can offer assistance and instruction.) Can you distribute flyers to local businesses?

Decorating - It is our hope that our bazaar venue is both festive and inviting. Do your talents lie in helping to make this happen?

Parking - Barb R. is an official member of "The Crooked Line Parking Association" (certificate to prove it), so she might not be the best one to ask about how to help in this regard but there are those who are seasoned vets and they can show you the ropes.

Set Up & Break Down - They outwardly appear to be thankless jobs, but in actuality they are so necessary and appreciated.

So...Mark your calendars for December 3. Start to consider where your talents lie. Volunteer. Help to make this event a day of fun and fellowship for our church and for our community.

In love and appreciation,

Gracie and Barb R.



### *In Memory of*

#### *Arthur Tappen Brown*

December 11, 1921 – September 26, 2016

Arthur Tappen Brown, 94, of Belle Mead, peacefully passed away Monday, September 26, 2016. He was born December 11, 1921 to Dr. Lewis Nathan Brown and Alice Moench Brown. Art graduated from East Rutherford High School in 1939, and Trenton State College in 1943. He earned his Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from NYU. Art was a Sergeant in the US Army Air Corps from 1943-1946, where he drilled soldiers prior to their deployment. Helen and Art moved to Belle Mead in the early 1990's and Art was active in several local clubs. He will be remembered for his warm welcoming smile, bright blue eyes, his caring persona as a healthcare provider, church leader, loyal friend, and as a wonderful and unforgettable Dad.

### *Do not stand at my grave and weep*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,*

*I am not there; I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,*

*I am the diamond glints on snow,*

*I am the sun on ripened grain,*

*I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush*

*I am the swift uplifting rush*

*Of quiet birds in circling flight.*

*I am the soft star-shine at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry,*

*I am not there; I did not die.*

*(Mary Elizabeth Frye)*



## Transformational Workshops Offered by

The Classis of  
Delaware-Raritan

**“Behold – I Am Doing a New Thing”**

**Three Bridges Reformed Church  
October 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

***Key Note Speaker: Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale  
Reformed Church of Highland Park***

Workshops by:

Seth Kaper-Dale and members of The Reformed Church of Highland Park.

Susan Kramer-Mills, First Reformed in New Brunswick.

Todd Buurstra, North Branch Reformed Church- *A Low Cost, High Commitment Way to Love Your Neighbors.*

Bill Borrer, Feasterville Reformed and Phil Pratt, Stanton Reformed-*The Passion of and a Passion for the Church.*

This is a busy and exciting time not only for BRC, but also for the Delaware-Raritan Classis. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, BRC will host our Classis for supper and our Stated Session worship and meeting. Earlier this summer, we had an Installation for Andrew Wall, the new young Pastor at Clover Hill Reformed Church. Pastor Jeff and I attended the Ordination and Installation of Tom Jones at Lebanon Reformed and we will host our Pastor Jeff’s Installation here on October 23, all causes for festive celebration and the infusion of new energy in our ministries.

And the day before our big day at BRC, Classis will be hosting its Fall ‘Transformational’ Workshops at Three Bridges Reformed from 8:30-12:30 on Saturday, October 22. See the above flyer for more information. [Tip: Seth Kaper-Dale and the Highland Park Reformed Church are exciting ministries our own Pastor Jeff has been involved with!]

Classis has ongoing support of Pastors through monthly Minister Cluster lunches. Jeff recently went to his first at Neshanic Reformed. In addition to BRC, our ‘Cluster’ includes Rocky Hill, Griggstown, Harlingen, Hillsborough at Millstone, Neshanic and Clover Hill.

Our Classis Minister Steve Miller visited BRC on September 18<sup>th</sup> and reminded us of the importance to all of our congregations of completing the “Holy Cow” survey when it comes out. The more adherents who respond, the more helpful it will be to BRC and our future planning. Look for it soon!

*Gracie Johnson, Elder Delegate*



Reverend and Mrs. Steve Miller  
and Ethel Terhune



**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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

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

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

- Oct. 2—Class begins for "Just the Basics" (p.4)
- Oct. 4—Properties Team Meeting, 1:30 pm
- Oct. 6—Communications Team, 2 pm
- Oct. 6&7—Sanctuary Cleaning, 9—noon
- Oct. 7 —Game Night, 7—10 pm
- Oct. 8—Ziti making in Cook Hall, 9:30 am
- Oct. 11—Classis Meeting & Dinner, 6pm
- Oct. 16 Crop Walk—Harlingen Church, 1:30
- Oct. 17—November Beacon Deadline**
- Oct. 17—Consistory, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 19—Men's Breakfast, 7:30am (pg 11)
- Oct. 20—Blue Pomegranate, 7:30 pm @ MH
- Oct. 23 Pastor Jeff's Installation, 4 pm
- Oct. 24—Mary & Martha, 6:30 pm (p.4)

**Planning Ahead ...**

- Nov. 12 Leaf Raking, 9—noon
- Nov. 13 Return OCC shoeboxes
- Dec. 3—Sinterklaas
- Dec. 10—Leaf Raking, 9—noon

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Jean Skillman
- 14 Mimi Coffey
- 15 Max Urbanski
- 23 Evelyn Cochran
- 25 Pastor Jeff Knol

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Oct 31 John & Cheryl Soos

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

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Worship** Sundays @10AM
- Bible Study** Tuesdays @10AM in CH Library
- AA Meeting** Tuesdays @6:30PM in CH Basement

**Fall Events at Marble**  
For details about summer events at Marble log on to [www.marblechurch.org!](http://www.marblechurch.org!)



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