



A Pastor's Perspective...

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful June we had here at MRC! Some of the highlights were: our 18 Confirmation Students leading our June 5th Worship that was attended by 280 people; our Children's Day Service and Picnic that also had a great attendance and spirit; hearing Will Brook's first sermon on June 19th and a great June 26th Blood Drive and Fireproof Youth Group Mission car wash!

Yes, it was a great June and now it is time for a quiet Summer... Well, not exactly! Yes, hopefully this Summer will provide some excellent opportunities for rest, reflection and renewal for all of us but as you will note below and throughout this Newsletter, there will also be some wonderful times for worship, fellowship and service in July and August. Please enjoy a restful and renewing Summer but also join us for the activities listed in this newsletter that work for your Summer Schedule!

In particular, as you look at your Summer Schedule, I would like to encourage you to consider the invitations below that are from our Stewardship Commissioner Gary Spero and our Sunday School Superintendent Bernadette Pecorino.

Summer Stewardship

Summer is officially upon us and hopefully for you it's a time to enjoy a slower pace of life that focuses around family, friends and vacation. However, for the church, the summer months can actually be the most stress filled. As with all churches, financial commitment, services, and ministries continue over the summer while giving typically goes down. That is why your continued "Summer Stewardship" is so important. On a practical level, the habit of giving through Summer Stewardship makes ministry happen. It is tempting to think, "We're just one

household, our giving won't be missed." Or, "We'll make it up when we get back." Multiply that many times over the course of a summer and you can see why Summer Stewardship is so vital.

It is my goal to challenge us to reflect on our giving over the Summer months and be committed to maintaining our faithful stewardship each and every month of the year.

Grace and Peace
Gary Spero,
Stewardship Commissioner

Summer Sunday School

June 12th was a wonderful Children's Day Celebration that marked the end of this year's outstanding Sunday School Year and regular classes! We are already looking forward to our September 11th Rally Day Program and Brunch but this Summer we will also be offering a special Summer School Series that will feature the Hanna Barbera Video Program entitled "Heroes and Heroines of the Bible." Starting on July 3rd, we will be combining Child care with the showing of one of the Videos in our Friendship Room. The Videos are very "kid friendly" and also do a great job of introducing Biblical characters and themes to the kids. When you are in town, we invite you to join us for this Summer Sunday School Series and please mark the date of September 11th for our Rally Day Program and Brunch in your family's calendar. As I get started as your new Sunday School superintendent I invite you to feel free to call me with any questions or suggestions. Have a safe and wonderful Summer!

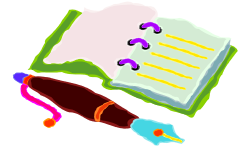
Sincerely,
Berni Pecorino, Sunday School Superintendent

As Berni said, I hope you do have a wonderful and safe summer. When you are in town it will be a joy to see you at our Summer Services and Sunday School sessions!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steve

**Summer
Updates**

Consistory Highlights



Consistory met on Wednesday, June 15th, and the following was discussed:

Youth Ministry - The Youth Mission Trip will be held from July 5th-8th. As a thank you for the support they have received from our Church Family, the youth will be providing service projects for the senior members of our Church. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Church Action Table. The Youth Group will be holding a car wash to earn money towards the Mission Trip on Sunday, June 26th, after Church.

Christian Education - Discussion centered on the Sunday School program. Pastor Steve and Jones Wong reported on several other churches' programs and their strengths and weaknesses. One suggestion is to put the Sunday School schedule as well as any updates on our web site.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Steve reported that the local Clergy Council plans to start a "Support Group for Caregivers" in the fall. The first informational meeting is at MRC on Sunday, June 26th.

Family Care - Johanna Cassidy reported that the Sunday School barbeque went well with approximately 150 people attending. The Women's Guild calendar for the 2011-2012 year was presented and approved.

Sunday Schedule - The Consistory continued its conversation on the new Sunday Schedule. Models from: New Life Reformed Church in Sayville, The Reformed Church on the Hill in Flushing and Saint David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa were discussed. At the end of this conversation, it was re-affirmed that we should continue with the new schedule of Worship and Sunday School being both held at 9:30 am. **A letter will go out to the Sunday School families encouraging them to honor the intent of this new schedule by having their family join with the rest of the church family in the sanctuary for the start of our 9:30 am Worship.**

Doug Bove to Attend General Synod - Our Consistory Vice President Doug Bove, who is also our Church's Elder Delegate to Classis, is serving as one of our Classis Delegates to this year's RCA General Synod. Doug will give a report on General Synod at the July 10th service.

News & Views "Staff"

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Please Join Us!

The family of Shea Danielle Alfano

invite you to

Shea's Baptism

Sunday, July 10th at our 9:30 am Worship

Special Coffee Hour Reception to follow!



Music Notes



As we complete another church year, we thank God for His blessings on our church. It has been a very active year. I want to again thank all of the musicians who were active in our choirs and praise team this past year and contributed to our music ministry. I am thankful for their enthusiasm and their willingness to contribute to our worship in many ways.

As we look back over the past church year, we hope that you have enjoyed the variety of musical styles and programs that we have shared this past year; from the traditional hymns, to the contemporary choruses, our vocalists, and instrumentalists, our Senior Choir, and Handbell Choir, from our Christmas Cantata, and joint Lenten Choral programs, to our Spring Talent Show and Music Festival.

During this summer, please think about how you may contribute to our church's music program next year and prayerfully consider joining one of our music groups in the fall.

Hope you have a great, restful summer!

In Christ,
John Mayhew
Director of Music & Organist



TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
CONCERT SERIES
At John J. Burns Park

Tuesday, July 12th at 7:30 PM
Aaron Tippin & Fireworks by Grucci

See you at the Park!

(Full Schedule on MRC Bulletin Board)



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!!!!

One of the great opportunities to practice the gift of Christian Hospitality is to sign up to be a Sunday Coffee Hour Host. It is a simple task!



Isabelle purchases the coffee, fruit punch and cookies, so the host only has to purchase a gallon of milk, prepare the coffee, put out the "goodies" and do a quick clean up!



Many hands make lighter work, so please call the Church Office or sign up any Sunday!



CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Each Sunday, during our 9:30 AM Worship, we provide loving childcare for the younger children of our church family.

Our Child Care Coordinator is Bernadette Pecorino and she is currently updating her Fall Schedule.



Once again, your help is needed and appreciated!

THANK YOU!

Taylor Cassidy would like to thank her Church Family for their support of her participation in the "Invisible Children" conference

that she will attend in San Diego this Summer.

Her *hand crafted in Uganda necklaces* sold out in 1 Coffee Hour!



SUMMER MRC OFFICE HOURS

Effective July 6th—September 2nd

Weekly Office Hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am until 2pm.

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, prayers and the many cards and notes that we received during this difficult time. They were a source of strength and support for our entire family.

A special thank you also goes to the women of the Church who prepared a lovely luncheon for those who attended my Mother's Memorial Service. It was delicious and much enjoyed by all.



With Our Sincere Appreciation,
The Auletta Family

Youth Mission Trip



On Sunday, July 3rd, during our 9:30 AM Service, our youth and their leaders will be commissioned for their Mission Trip. This year, our youth will be offering repairs and garden services to our

Senior members at MRC, so please call the Church Office at 516-799-5158 to get more details on how our youth can serve you!



Food Pantry

Did you know? There are Waldbaum's vouchers, which are used just like cash, in the food pantry. If you would like to donate money for this community outreach, please place your gift in a Good Samaritan envelope and indicate: "Food Pantry"

For more information, contact:
Judy Boyd (798-6033),
Daphne Blount (516-909-4197)
or Maureen Kours (631-691-6369)

They will take care of the details.

We can also use the following items in the pantry: children's cereal & snacks, juice, macaroni & cheese; tuna, pasta & sauce, coffee, canned vegetables and soup and the like.



Please check expiration dates.



Hamlin-Thayer College Loans Available

One of the accounts in the church's Hamlin-Thayer Fund provides interest-free loans to church members attending college.

Funds are limited, and all loans must be approved by Consistory. Anyone interested in applying must fill out an application, available in the Church Office.

Applications must be received in the office by Monday, July 18th, to be eligible for consideration.



SAVE THE DATES
RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th



9:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Brunch

Sunday School Registration
 Adult Education Highlights



Regular Fall Schedule
Starts on September 18, 2011

As reported in last month's Newsletter, based on the largely positive response expressed about our new Sunday Schedule, we will continue it this Fall.

Parents, please remember that our Sundays start with the whole family gathered for Worship at 9:30 am. Then, following the Junior Sermon, the Sunday School children and staff leave Worship to begin their classes that will run until 10:45 am. At the end of classes, all are invited to our Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall and, if your schedule allows, to Adult Education which runs from 11 am until noon in our Friendship Room.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

On Saturdays July 9th and August 13th at 8 AM, our Men's Fellowship will meet at the East Bay Diner. New members and all are welcomed!



Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will not meet during the summer. All women are invited to join the Bible Study when it resumes on Tuesday, September 6th.

MISSION FOCUS

The two RCA seminaries, New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, have long and distinguished histories.

New Brunswick was founded more than 225 years ago - the first seminary established in North America. The Seminary considers it a privilege and responsibility to train persons from many other denominations for ministry. As a result, NBTS' student body and faculty reflect the rich diversity of God's whole people.

Western was established in 1866 when seven students graduating from Hope College felt a call to the ministry, but wanted theological training in Michigan. As a result Western Theological Seminary was established. Western like New Brunswick also welcomes students from many denominations and ethnic backgrounds, honoring and benefiting from their rich traditions.

Both seminaries have strong histories of preparing leaders for the church of Jesus Christ through times of challenge and change.

The future is bright as both New Brunswick and Western continue to face the challenges to equip men and women for Christ-centered, biblically based, theologically-integrated, culturally-sensitive, and mission-oriented Christian leadership.

FAIR & AUCTION NEWS - OCTOBER 1, 2011

October 1st is coming soon. We need another great year for our church. Let's show our commitment by participating in this year's Fair and Auction. Many volunteers are needed. During the summer people are needed to organize, clean, and number the auction items. This would enable us to have the Auction Catalog completed by early September. Please let us know during the summer the area of the fair you are going to work. We need your help! The Fair and Auction is a great time of fellowship, community bonding, and an opportunity to make new and lasting friendships.



Do you do crafts, knit, crochet, paint, etc.? Do you bake? Are you cleaning out your attic or basement? We need your treasures.

Now is the time for you to start bringing in your auction items. Yes, we are accepting items June through September 7th. Sufficient time is needed to research, repair, and advertise these items. Please no large pieces of furniture—only small antique or unusual pieces will be accepted.

As you know, over the years the auction has been raised to a new level. This year will be no exception.

These are some items which can be donated over the summer: cases of soda (diet, regular and Sierra Mist); brown paper/plastic bags; utility bags; 2 liter bottles of 7-Up; coffee and tea (decaf and regular); sweet & low (1 box); packets of sugar; and small bottles of water.

So, please keep us in mind this summer!

Please call:

Auction: Judy Boyd - 798-6033
Fair: Leanore McKinley - 541-4866
 Kaaren Hajohn - 541-6694

Suggested Items for Flea Market

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| lamps | small kitchen items |
| pictures | trivets |
| frames, mirrors | salt & pepper shakers |
| jewelry, jewelry box | towel rack |
| dolls, doll houses | pots and pans |
| glasses | cookie jars, canisters |
| ice bucket | spice jars or racks |
| new perfume | mason jars |
| sewing basket | scales |
| pottery | dishes |
| brass | egg beaters |
| new candles | irons |
| Christmas items | small kitchen appliances |
| games, small | old & new perfume bottles |
| sporting equipment | tools/garden tools (good condition) |

PLEASE NO:

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| Computers | Bicycles | Phones |
| TVs | Paints | Skis |
| Records | Fax Machines | |
| Exercise equipment | | |

These items DO NOT SELL and must be environmentally disposed of.

Please save small coffee cans for the returning Cookie Walk.
 See Carla Giordano for details.



Returning Specials This Year!



Art Armstrong and Carl Graber have hand-crafted some wonderful wooden toys that will be available for sale for our children and grandchildren!



Calling All MRC Women - Please Save This date!!

Monday, September 12th at 7:45PM

We will have our Fall Guild Planning Meeting and final Fair & Auction Plans will be made!

Your attendance and helpful suggestions will be deeply appreciated!

Call Leanore McKinley or Judy Boyd for more details!

SUMMER SCHEDULES



JULY AND AUGUST



USHERS

JULY

- 3 - The Youth Group
- 10 - The Josephson Family
- 17 - The Garbarino Family
- 24 - The Blount Family and Rowan Brooks
- 31 - The Spero Family

AUGUST

- 7 - The Youth Group
- 14 - The Brooks Family
- 21 - The Cassidy Family
- 28 - Al Brecht, Donald Clark,
Charlie Coles and Dennis Hill

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - The Youth Group

COFFEE HOUR

JULY

- 3 - Norma Bove
- 10 - The Wong Family
- 17 - The Garbarino Family
- 24 - TBA
- 31 - TBA

AUGUST

- 7 - TBA
- 14 - The Cowf Family
- 21 - TBA
- 28 - TBA

CHILD CARE

JULY

- 3- 9:00 AM
Bernadette Pecorino
- 10- 9:00 AM
Taylor and Kelsey Cassidy
- 17 - 9:00 AM
Richard and Ryan Blount; Nick K.
- 24 - 9:00 AM
Joan McCool
- 31 - 9:00 AM
Richard and Ryan Blount; Nick K.

AUGUST

- 7- 9:00 AM
Emily Muller and Jen Niebling;
Bernadette Pecorino
- 14- 9:00 AM
Louis Pianese
- 21- 9:00 AM
Jack Lobaccaro
- 28- 9:00 AM
Jason and Wendy Saar

September 4

Marcelle Terner

COUNTERS

JULY

- 3- Art Armstrong, Jones Wong
- 10- John Hoblin, Laurie Baach
- 17 - Gary Spero, Daphne Blount
- 24 - Doug Bove, Johanna Cassidy
- 31 - Dick Thompson, Candee Auletta

AUGUST

- 7- Don Spruck, Owen Brooks
- 14 - Art Armstrong, Jones Wong
- 21- John Hoblin, Laurie Baach
- 28- Gary Spero, Daphne Blount

September 4

Doug Bove, Johanna Cassidy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

- July 3 - Maureen Kours, Lois Schmitt
- August 7 - Verna Robinson and Family

Sept. 4 - Carol and Jack Washington, Al Brecht

COMMUNION SERVERS

- July 3 - Art Armstrong, Doug Bove,
Charlie Coles, Joe Garbarino
- August 7 - Dick Thompson, Don Spruck,
Beth Thompson, Cathie Spruck

Sept. 4- John Hoblin, Gary Spero,
Jones Wong, Maike Marschhausen,
Verna Robinson

If any of the dates for Sunday assignments are not convenient for you, please arrange for a substitute and call the Church office at 799-5158 to inform us of the change.

Please note: Child Care begins at 9:00 AM



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**THE MASSAPEQUA REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF MISSION:**



The Massapequa Reformed Church is a diverse and welcoming family of faith where the worship of God in Jesus Christ is the center of our life and purpose. We aim in these challenging times to affirm God's love for the world by the power of the Holy Spirit and strive to embody the grace, love, and hope of Jesus Christ through opportunities for spiritual growth and faithful service.

MRC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

PHOTO SESSIONS

Friday, August 5th 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, August 6th 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, August 15th 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM



**Please call the Church Office at 516-799-5158
to schedule your appointment as soon as possible.**



Dear Church Family Members,

Olin Mills, who will be doing our MRC Pictorial Directory, is an outstanding company that I have worked with in all 3 churches I have served with. There is no serious pressure to purchase and everyone who participates will get a photo of their choice as a free gift!

However, even if you do not want pictures at this time for your family, I am asking you to schedule an appointment so that this MRC Pictorial Directory will be as inclusive as is possible!

**Thanks so much!
Pastor Steve**

No purchases are required.