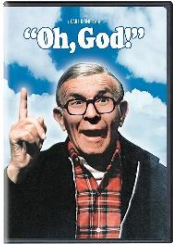


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TODAY & THIS WEEK AT FRC



Join Us For Dinner & A Movie "Oh God!" on Wed., Jan. 29, 6 p.m. in Grace Chapel

The Health and Wellness and Women's Ministries' Teams invite shed those winter blues and join us for dinner & a movie! A light dinner of soup, chili, bread, salad

& dessert will be served for \$5. Tickets will be sold after each service starting Jan. 12, and will be available in the office on weekdays.

EVENTS/ THINGS TO KNOW



Mark Your Calendar... Service Sunday 2020 Scheduled for April 19th

We are looking for new project ideas and for

increased participation in this popular and meaningful event. No idea is too big and no project is too small to be considered. Use a connection card to communicate with us through the collection plate, or email Bob Nixon at robertnixon9@hotmail.com

Join Us for a Heart Healthy Breakfast on Feb. 9

The Health and Wellness Team invites the Congregation to its annual Heart Healthy Breakfast on February 9th from 9:00am to 10:30 am in Grace Chapel. Come and help us celebrate Heart Month. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be available at coffee hour.

Registration for Grains of Hope Food Packing Event Open Now

Registration for the food packing event is open now. The event will be held on March 22nd at PV School. All timeslots are needed. Registration link is:

<https://2020goh01.eventbrite.com>

FAMILIES/CHILDREN/YOUTH

Middle & Senior High Youth

Our FUEL Youth Group will meet this Wednesday in Friendship Hall at 7 pm. Any questions contact Dave Sippel dave@frc-pp.org

Big Game Party – Sunday, February 2nd

Middle school and high school youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday, February 2nd for the big game. We'll gather at 6:00pm and parents should pick up their youth after the halftime show. Please bring a food item to share with the group. Drinks will be provided.



Parenting Seminar – "Under the Influence" Sunday, February 23rd

Amy Flavin, with the Center for Parent and Youth Understanding, will lead us in a discussion on healthy ways to help kids navigate today's drug culture. We will meet at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall. Sign up is on the website under "Events".

High School Winter Retreat February 28th to March 1st

We'll be returning to the Trout Lake Retreat Center again. All high school youth should plan to attend this memorable event. We'll leave after school on Friday and return at around 2:30pm on Sunday. Cost is \$145.00. Registration is open online.

GENEROSITY/GIVING



Annual Congregational Budget & Vision Meeting Sunday, Feb 2, 2020 – 9:30 AM Friendship Hall

All are invited to a

Congregational Meeting in Friendship Hall on Sunday, February 2 at 9:30 AM. On the agenda is the following:

- Snapshot of Current Reality of FRC – A Scorecard Report.
- 2020 Vision & Goals
- Financial Summary of 2019
- Budget Presentation & Vote

SOUPer Bowl Sunday February 2nd A Different KIND of Fundraiser



Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) was founded ten years ago to address the gap in legal services for unaccompanied children in

the U.S. KIND partners with and trains attorneys to represent unaccompanied children so no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation. One of our members, Meg McBurney, who is also an attorney is leading this effort and partnering with our youth to raise funds on Souper Bowl Sunday for this great cause. Please consider donating:

- \$5,000 – Provides hope and safety to a vulnerable child by providing legal representation and social service needs for however long it takes to win their case.
- \$1,500 - Can provide a critical psychological evaluation for a child seeking asylum in the U.S.
- \$500 - Can fund a sexual and gender-based violence prevention workshop for 50 secondary school students
- \$150 Can pay for an interpreter so an indigenous child can tell their story in court
- \$75 - Can provide a backpack and basic back-to-school supplies for a child beginning school in the United States
- \$25 – Can provide a public transit pass for a young person to access crucial services

If you would like to support, make your check out to “First Reformed Church” and note: KIND. You can donate on Sunday morning Feb. 2nd as the youth collect for Souper Bowl Sunday or through our website: www.firstreformedchurch.com

Would You Contribute Toward Your RCA Member Assessments - \$87 Per Member?

Every year every church in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) pays the denomination a specific amount for each active member we claim on church rolls. For 2020, the assessment is \$87 per member. The money is used by the denomination to help churches live into their mission, help struggling churches thrive, and provide needed services, coaching and help to RCA churches. If you are to contribute towards your assessment fee, make your check out to “First Reformed Church” and note: “Assessment.” There are also separate envelopes in the back of each worship space or, donate online www.firstreformedchurch.com. If you have any questions, contact is Finance Manager Dolores Wagoner at 973-835-1144 (x14) or dolores@frc-pp.org



Communion Offering for February Will Support The Pequanock Township Food Pantry

The Pequanock Food Pantry receives support and donations from many local congregations and

community organizations. It currently serves about 100 families in Pequanock Township during the first week of every month. Clients receive non-perishable groceries plus Shop Rite gift cards to shop for perishable items. This year, the pantry has been utilizing the FRC van to pick up clients that don't drive. Volunteers oversee the collection & distribution of non-perishable food and spend countless hours shopping, sorting and shelving. Your donations will help keep the pantry well stocked! To donate, you can make your check out to “First Reformed Church” and note “Communion Offering” and drop in the collection plate or donate online through the church website.