

## *From the* **PASTOR**—

October 2010

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plans yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. . . And God saw that it was good.”  
- Genesis 1:11,12

Dear Members and Friends,

In his book, “Mayflower, a Story of Courage, Community, and War,” Nathaniel Philbrick talks about something that must have been an awe inspiring surprise to the Pilgrims when they spent their first autumn here – the blazing, glorious colors of fall. In their native lands, the climate did not permit the clear, crisp autumn days that showcase the brilliant colors of autumn in the northeast of our country.

What an artist our Creator God is! Nature is full of surprises that dazzle and amaze us and please us to the core. What an imagination God has!

In the season of harvest, we bow the knee and say “Thank you,” to this amazing God. Thank you for the wonder of the natural world!

The Bible promises that the parts of nature that are out of whack – floods and earthquakes and disease will disappear when God’s kingdom has fully come. The wolf and the lamb shall lie together. The child shall play over the hole of the asp. No one shall hurt or destroy in the holy mountain of the Lord. (Is. 11)

In the meantime, we have these glorious hints; a foretaste of that day. Thank you God for the splendor of the maple and oak and birch. Thank you for fat, round pumpkins and ripe, red apples. Thank you for funny looking zucchinis and fields aglow with ripe grain. Thank you for the gentle flow of the Millstone and Raritan rivers floating fallen leaves along over fish fattening themselves to face the cold austere of winter.

You are good to us, dear God. Help us to be good to each other.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Fred



### Archives Committee

The Archives Committee will be meeting in the basement of our church at 7pm to 9pm on October 14. Anyone who is interested in working with this committee to catalog and document the papers, ledgers and other materials that are so important to the history of our wonderful church and its members is welcome to join us. We are very organized with our procedures and could use the help and the ideas of new members. Please consider working with this committee.

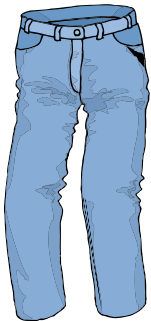
If you are interested in attending our meeting this month please call Lorrie at 359-2793.

Lorrie Larew, Bob Mettler, Portia Orton, Christine Fung, Gerrie Hoover and Arlene Dickerson

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### Buildings and Grounds



SAVE THE DATE!!! BLUE JEAN SUNDAY IS COMING SOON!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010, 11:00 A.M.  
FAMILY FUN AND GREAT EXERCISE!

PLEASE BRING RAKES AND TARPS IF YOU HAVE ANY.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO ALL WHO ARE PLANNING TO HELP.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED IN THE PAST.



Audrey Fredericks and Bill Nardone

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### The College Connection

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer The College Connection to student members of our congregation while they continue their studies either away or while commuting from home. Designed to maintain contact with our HRC students, The College Connection sends holiday greeting cards, homemade cookie gift packages and words of encouragement and messages from the congregation to our students throughout the academic year.

Tori Schryver organizes and implements The College Connection program. Please include student name, birthday, college name and academic year mailing address. Sign your student up today!

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### Congregational Care Committee

Happy Birthday! Do you know an HRC member who is 80 or more years young? If you do, please send their name, address and date of birth to the Hillsborough Reformed Church in care of the Congregational Care Committee or Kathy Falcone. We would love to add them to our Birthday list and send a card on their special day!

Thank you, Kathy Falcone, Chairperson

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### Fellowship Committee – Millstone Café



Do you enjoy the Millstone Café? How about hosting one week with a theme? Autumn? Halloween? Or serve as a committee lead? Sign up today! Sheet is in the vestibule.

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## Christian Education

### First Steps – Class



A new class this fall called First Steps is intended for parents and their kids up to age 3. The class will be meeting Sunday mornings. Songs, games, and activities will be led by the parents with the aid of cards specially prepared for the class. There will also be time for the parents to enjoy fellowship, share joys, and provide each other support during this very exciting time in their lives. For more information, contact the Church office.

### Church-time Care

Church-time Care is a great opportunity for kids in preschool to second grade to learn while their parents get an opportunity to participate in worship. We are planning activities suitable for kids second grade and younger including movies, stories, coloring, crafts, and games. All kids who go downstairs during worship are expected to participate in Church-time Care. We need the support of all parents to make this a fun and meaningful time for our young kids.

### Nursery during worship

We are hoping to offer a nursery during worship for kids younger than preschool age. The nursery would be held in one of the basement classrooms, separate from Church-time Care. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take care of the nursery during worship. Please contact the Church office if you are interested in caring for the little ones.

### Compassion Sunday

Compassion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in Sunday School. The next one will be October 3. A special offering is taken for the compassion child Felicia. It is also "Bring a Friend to Sunday School", so bring a friend to share the good news of our Lord.

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## Special Fall 2010 Lecture Series

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Special Lecture Series this fall. Please join us for a potluck supper and fellowship followed by an informative talk and discussion on topics of interest.

### Pot-luck supper at 5:00 PM and lecture from 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday October 17 - Dr. Phyllis P. Marganoff**, family psychologist, will present a talk titled "As the Twig is Bent: Understanding the health implications of early life difficulties and traumas". New research shows an astonishing correlation between childhood stresses and later life health problems. Dr. Marganoff will discuss how overwhelming, shocking experiences affect people in subtle, devilish ways that linger long after the shock seems to have faded. This event is co-sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

**Sunday, November 14 - Dr. David Haddorff**, Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at St. Johns University and HRC Liturgist, has recently published a book titled "*Christian Ethics as Witness: Barth's Ethics for a World at Risk*" and will discuss the theological ethics of Karl Barth, while addressing current issues in Christian social ethics including the market economy and globalization, work and leisure, church and state, politics and war, and social and environmental justice. **Copies of the book signed by the author will be available at cost. Please contact the Church office if you are interested in a copy.**

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## Scholarship Committee



Please keep in mind the youth who are continuing or starting their college journey. Envelopes are provided for upcoming collections for the Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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## Small Groups Continuing

Small Groups - Grace, Truth, and Time: How unbinding works. We are moving forward with plans for small group meetings this fall. Signup sheets are up in the vestibule. If you were involved previously, you will be getting an email to see if you are interested in meeting with the same group as before.

Continuing with the Unbinding theme from the spring, our goal is to create an environment within the group where people can find grace, hear the truth spoken in love, and experience spiritual growth and freedom over time. We will be following a study guide to lead the discussion, probably something from Max Lucado or John Ortberg, along with some carry over material from the Unbinding series.

If you haven't been involved before, now is a good time to join, especially if you are interested in exploring and deepening your faith.

We will be starting the small group meetings in the beginning of October, so start thinking about setting some time aside on your calendar. This is a good opportunity to share your faith, questions, and struggles within a safe and caring community of believers.

It can be a life changing experience.

Please contact Bill Nardone if you have any questions.

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## Worship and Music

The worship and music committee met on September 19. They planned the Christmas Messiah performance as well as our upcoming All HRC Music Concert. We are also planning the 20th Anniversary Organ celebration and a concert series. Anyone interested in planning these activities should come to our October meeting.

We are also planning a lay led service to match up to our Spiritual Gifts Inventory activity. If anyone is feels led to preach, lead prayer or participate in any way in this service please see Chris Russoniello or leave a note in his mailbox.

Chris Russoniello

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## Outreach and Hospitality

The Outreach and Hospitality Committee is busy planning a potluck dinner for members of our congregation who have joined in the past year and those who are thinking of joining. Elders, deacons and other ministry leaders along with their families will be hosting the dinner. Babysitting will be provided. The goal is for us to get to know one another a little better and to help our newer members learn more about our church. Look for more details to follow regarding date and time.

Thank you, Jayne Czaplicki, chair of Outreach & Hospitality

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There is, by God's grace, an immeasurable distance between late and too late.

*Madam Swetchine*

If you live close to God and His infinite grace, you don't have to tell, it shows on your face.

*Anonymous*

Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace projected.

*Jonathan Edwards.*

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## Women Walking With God (www.GOD) upcoming events

September signifies the start of reinvigorated and full schedules, and the re-emergence of activities which may have been dormant during our summers of rest and refreshment. Likewise, the HRC women's group, is again working to have fun while fulfilling its mission statement, ". . . to inspire women in the church and community in their personal walk with God. We intend to use devotional readings based on the Bible and book reviews of Christian literature to encourage women to grow spiritually. We will also use the tool of service to reach out to other women and children in order to meet needs in our congregation, denomination and nearby community."

Planned for **October on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 10/18 at 7 PM**, following devotions, the group will continue viewing more of Liz Curtis Higgs' series on "Bad Girls of the Bible" in memorial hall; light refreshments are available. And looking ahead, the focus of the **www.God November meeting on the 3rd Monday, 11/15 at 7 PM** will be simple exercise tips and tricks from Margo Myer. And looking into December, on the **1st Saturday, 12/4 from 9-11 AM** Darlene Purcell and Beth Nardone will host an at home brunch. During December, if enough interest is expressed, the group may host another boxwood tree preparation session.

Meanwhile, please join us for "Bad Girls of the Bible" on 10/18. Also, please watch the next RAM for more details about the November and December functions. Much more is planned for 2011! Ladies, please join with us; come when you can, leave when you must. Don't miss some great faith- and fun-filled experiences!

Jayne Czaplicki and Sue Cole

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### *Reflections on Recovery: Body, Mind, Spirit, Balance*

Presented by The Rev. Dr. Barbara Fillette,  
Director of the Reformed Church Center at New Brunswick Seminary and Pastor Emeritus of North & Southampton Reformed Church, Churchville, Pennsylvania

We are all ragged and worn in one sense or another, in ways great and small. So we share a need to recover our well-being and we look to God to make us whole. Recover requires patience, shelter, perspective, trust, mindfulness, and receptivity. Recovery is not a destination but a journey.

The Warwick Center Women's Auxiliary cordially invites you to **WARWICK DAYS** held at Camp Warwick's Collegiate Lodge on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Our music Leader will be Ms. Lorraine Nelson Wolf, award-winning composer, singer and songwriter and Music Director of Hopewell Reformed Church.

For more information, see the flyer posted in the vestibule or speak with Arlene Tenckinck at the Warwick Center (845) 986-1164 or email: [programs@warwickcenter.com](mailto:programs@warwickcenter.com). Registration is limited to 175 participants per day, so please be sure to register early!

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### **Pledge Reminder**

As can be seen in the weekly Capital Fund Campaign update, we are very excited with our Church's generosity and fund-raising success to date. We have received \$47,350 in pledge payments and gifts in since the kick-off of the Campaign, with total pledges (through 2012) and gifts received totaling \$118,048 (47% of total goals). If you have already provided a pledge amount for 2010, it would be greatly appreciated if you could forward your payment to the church at your earliest convenience.

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## Stephen Ministry Training



Four members of our church are beginning the great adventure of fifty hours of Stephen Ministry training. The class, led by Nancy Dawson, Fred Butler and Jean Thomas, will meet one week night and on Saturdays in order to complete the training in three months. The classes combine lecture, study and role playing. Stephen Ministers are equipped to provide one on one Christ-like care to those needing support. The way to health is reaching out for help!

Stephen Ministers meet regularly for peer supervision and mutual support. Names of Care Receivers are never shared. The program maintains total confidentiality.

Stephen Ministers also attend continuing education opportunities. Two are scheduled at this time. Our church sponsors one of those events on October 17 with Dr. Phyllis Marganoff. Her presentation is titled, "As the Twig Is Bent: Understanding the Health Implications of Early Life Difficulties and Traumas." More information is elsewhere in the RAM. The other event is sponsored by the Montgomery Evangelical Free Church which also has an active Stephen Ministry program will be held on Monday, October 4.

Three Bridges Reformed Church has an active Stephen Ministry. Rocky Hill Reformed Church plans to launch its own Stephen Ministry by sending two church leaders to become Stephen Leaders. We also at HRC are preparing to send two more of our members to become Stephen Leaders.

Pastor Fred for the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team  
Fred Butler, Nancy Dawson, Jean Thomas and Darlene Purcell

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### An invitation from the Montgomery Evangelical Free Church

**End of Life Issues**  
**October 11, 2010**  
**7:00 – 9:00 pm.**  
**Montgomery Evangelical Church**



Stephen Ministry at MEFC will be sponsoring an education program on "End of Life Issues – What are Your Goals...Medically and Spiritually" from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on October 11, 2010 in Room 204. Dr. David Barile will focus on decision making related to the final months/years of life. Dr. Barile is currently employed by the University Medical Center at Princeton as a Hospitalist with the Department of Medicine Services, Director of Palliative Care, and Medical Director of Acute Care for Elderly Unit. He is also founder and director of New Jersey Goals of Care, a non-profit organization. The culture of a traditional hospital or medical home complicated by the "foreign" language of medical terms and jargon often leaves clients confused about the realities of various medical choices they must make for themselves or their family members. The mission of this organization is to assist clients in identifying their goals and aligning them with appropriate and available therapies.

Although you may not be facing an imminent end of life situation, you might find this information valuable as a caregiver, family member or friend of someone who is facing such a challenging situation. This program will conclude with a Scriptural perspective of "end of life issues" presented by Pastor Brian Cooper and Donna Gustafson. Pastor Brian will discuss how others (friend, family members, Stephen Ministers, deaconesses, etc) can minister to those facing end of life issues and support their "ending well". Donna will discuss how Christians can make end of life medical choices and embrace a "good death".

Please join us. There will be opportunity for questions and answers after each presentation. RSVP to [stephenministry@mefc.org](mailto:stephenministry@mefc.org) or call Nancy MacKay by October 4, 2010.

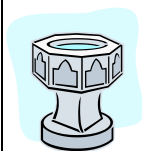
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## People We Know

We wish to extend our condolences to Laurel, Mark and Daniel Ogurkis in the death of her husband and their father, Joe Ogurkis (72) who died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, September 15. His funeral services took place on Monday, September 20 with Pastor Fred officiating.

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**



On September 19, 2010 we welcomed Shannon Olivia Kelly, born on October 30, 2009 into the church family.

Shannon is the daughter of Daniel and Erin Kelly. Congratulations to the family.

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### **Letter from Brent Mulder**

September 4, 2010

Greetings HRC Family!

It seems so long since we departed your midst. This was a busy summer. I completed 6 weeks of officer school and 6 weeks of chaplain school. I now have my initial training done. Training in the military is never done though. We just got back from chaplain school in South Carolina. Fortunately Leah was able to go with me for this course so we weren't separated for the whole summer. She was able to be there when I received the honor of Distinguished Graduate. Monday was my first day of work. By Wednesday I was tasked with 2 funerals for the week, 2 of our Sunday worship services, and a chapel member that was undergoing surgery. (In a panic I called Pastor Fred trying to figure out what color stole I was supposed to wear for funerals.) I'm told there will always be more than enough work to do. Prioritizing my efforts will be key.



The work is exciting. Pastor Fred always had the habit of coming back from vacation and saying he had the best job in the world. That is no longer true; now I have the best job! I love working with the families and retirees. I am pastor of the traditional service here. This is one of 5 services on the base. There are a few younger families with young kids so I offered to implement a children's sermon for them. They are eager to see this happen. Tomorrow will be the "test case." Soon I will be integrated into my assigned units on base and be doing visitation at these places. My main assignment is the medical center so I'm happy about that. It is the third largest medical facility in the Air Force. I recently learned that I could be up for a deployment the beginning of next year. I'm excited about this opportunity for ministry. Out of all my training, the deployment exercises were the highlight.

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## Reaching Out to Others

The Deacons would like to thank all who contributed to the Pakistan Flood relief. The monies collected will be used to provide food and temporary shelter for those who were displaced from their homes.

October 3 is the next time the Deacons will be taking an offering for the Deacons Fund. The Deacon's Fund is for human needs and emergencies within our congregation and community. The past year has been a difficult one for many. If you know of someone in need, please speak to one of the Deacons. Through discussion and prayer, the Deacons come to a decision on how the Fund can be used to help those in need. The Deacon's Fund Treasurer then ensures that needs are filled in accord with the decision. Assistance through the Deacon's Fund is strictly confidential. The Deacons would like to thank all who have contributed to the Fund and its mission.

Catherine Kinrade and Eric Kraehenbuehl

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### Christian Service - IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network)



We wish to thank everyone who helped our three families feel welcomed by preparing meals, staying overnight and spending time with them.

Our church along with St. Joseph's will be hosts for IHN here at our church the week of **October 31 – November 7**. There are several opportunities available to help out. Here are just a few:

- Setting up Memorial Hall for the week
- Unloading the truck of the clients' possessions and their beds
- Preparing dinner for one night
- Greeting from 5:00 – 9:00, spending time with our guests by serving and eating dinner with them, helping with homework and/or playing with the children
- Sleeping overnight to make sure that the building is secure and safe and that our guests are up in time to catch the bus that will take them to school, work or back to the center
- Loading the truck with the beds and the guests' possessions for their next destination
- Putting Memorial Hall back in order

A sign-up sheet will be posted later in the month in the vestibule or you may contact the church office (908) 359-3391 if you would like to know more about this wonderful mission.

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### CROP WALK 2010



Put on your walking shoes, bring the kids and the dog and join us for the South Somerset County Crop Walk. The Crop Walk has been organized to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world through self-help initiatives. This year the walk will be hosted by **Faith Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 17**. Forms for walkers are available from Pam Williams. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Once again we will be collecting jars of peanut butter for the Food Bank of Somerset County.



# RCA Missionary Update

## on the Moravian Clinic in Cauquira

La Mosquitia, the largest wilderness area in Central America, includes a 5,500-square-mile area in eastern Honduras that has been isolated politically, socially, geographically, linguistically, and economically. Many people have never heard the gospel, and the nearest hospital can be twelve or more hours away by canoe. The medical clinic of Cauquira provides much-needed medical assistance while at the same time witnessing to the community. The clinic, a ministry of the Moravian Church in Honduras, provides preventive and curative treatments for patients, as well as training and education for health workers.

### Honduras facts:

- Population: 6,800,000
- Size: 111,890 square kilometers (slightly larger than Tennessee)
- Major religion: Catholicism, with Protestantism growing rapidly



#### MINISTRY

Medicine

#### LOCATION

La Mosquitia Region, Honduras

#### PARTNER

Moravian Church in Honduras

#### CONTACT

Clínica Evangélica Morava  
P.O. Box 158  
La Ceiba, Atlántida  
Honduras  
Central America

Dear Friends,

August 2010

By means of this letter I would like to wish God's blessings on you and your families; that God would allow all that you've planned to come to pass. May the Lord be with you and be present with you in all things.

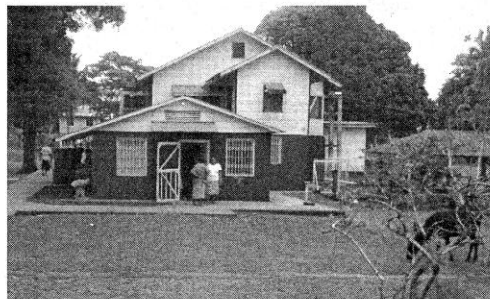
Our clinic in Kaukira provides medical attention twenty-four hours a day. Throughout the whole year we deal with a diversity of pathologies. For instance, we had an accident in which a small boat collided with a bigger one right in front of our clinic. I treated Ada, a thirty-three year old mother, and her four year old daughter Anais, both from a distant community. The daughter had a cranial injury and was under water for about 10 minutes, and once out of the water we provided cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. The mother had multiple fractures of her femur and a ruptured spleen. Both were able to be stabilized and later referred to the nearest hospital due to the seriousness of their injuries.

We also have many deliveries in the clinic. We remember Danila, a woman from Kaukira. She gave birth and was released. Two days later she returned with her baby in shock due to bulimic hiccups, due to a coagulation disorder. We managed to stabilize the baby and provide all adequate treatment according to his needs, and later referred him to the hospital to be seen by the area pediatrician.

This is a small glimpse of what our day looks like, how we meet real needs and emergencies, as well as how the Lord enables and empowers us to respond with grace and love to the needs of God's people.

In Christ,

Dra. Jelin xiomara Perez



Cauquira Clinic



Jelin with a patient

To access extensive information about the Moravian Clinic in Cauquira, or to make a financial gift for their ministry, simply go to [www.rca.org/cauquira-clinic](http://www.rca.org/cauquira-clinic).

*P.S. Dr. Jelin, who received her medical education in Cuba, was called to join the Cuban Medical Brigade in Haiti. After serving for a year in Haiti, she will return to Cuba to complete her residency in pediatrics.*

*Did you know that you can receive Dear Friends letters directly to your own e-mail and that by doing so you are helping RCA Global Mission be a good steward of your gifts? To sign up, contact Eva Fennema at (800) 968-3943 or [efennema@rca.org](mailto:efennema@rca.org).*

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## WORDS of WISDOM

The recent experience of celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion brought to heart the term, **GRACE** which is so overwhelming to communion participants. So researching its history to learn more about its origin became a quest. The Greek word for “grace,” *charis*, (pronounced *KAHReess*) is equivalent to the Hebrew word *hesed*, which means “loving kindness”—a word frequently used by the Psalmists to describe God’s character. In the New Testament, the word *charis* usually means “divine favor” or “goodwill,” but it also means “that which gives joy” and “that which is a free gift.”

Grace is the gift of God. It is expressed in God’s actions of extending mercy, loving-kindness, and salvation to people. Divine grace is embodied in the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:14, 17). God’s grace manifested in Jesus Christ makes it possible for God to forgive sinners and to gather them in the church. During His ministry, Jesus repeatedly offered forgiveness to a great number of sinners and extended God’s succor (*assistance in time of distress; relief*) for a variety of desperate human needs. Through teachings such as the father’s forgiveness of the prodigal son and the search for the lost sheep, Jesus made it clear that He had come to seek and save those who were lost. But ultimately, it was His redemptive death on the cross which opened wide the gate of salvation for repentant sinners so that they have access to God’s forgiving and restorative grace.



This simple truth is formulated in the doctrine of “justification by faith through grace” (Rom. 3:23; Titus 3:7). According to this teaching, God graciously provides life, through the death of Christ, to sinners who believe in Jesus. Jesus’ substitutionary death for all people enables God to pronounce a verdict of “not guilty” on repentant sinners and to include them in His eternal purposes. God’s grace manifested in Jesus also makes it possible for God to bestow undeserved benefits on believers. These benefits enrich our lives and unite us together in the church. God’s acceptance of believers on the basis of grace gives us a new status; we are children of God, members of the household of God, and can relate to Him as our heavenly Father (Gal. 4:4-6).

God’s disposition to exercise goodwill towards His creatures is another essential meaning of “grace” in the Bible. This favorable disposition of God finds its supreme expression in Jesus Christ. By this very definition, this grace is rendered fully accessible to all humans with no precondition other than a repentant desire to receive it (Titus 2:11-12). The tragic alternative to receiving God’s grace is to remain in hopeless alienation from God (Rom. 1:21). Therefore, let us accept God’s gift of grace granted to us in Christ Jesus.

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### From the Capital Fund Committee and Property Opportunities Committee:

*A continued call to prayer: There is much involved in the improvements to the parsonage, acquisition of the property adjoining the church and issues of achieving our goals with regards to 11 Amwell Road. We are investigating possible ways to proceed and are in discussions with the leaders of the Millstone Borough. Please pray for the members of committees charged with this ministry. Please pray for the consistory as ideas are considered and possibilities explored. Please pray for the leaders of our borough and our community as they work with us in exploring what is best for our church and neighborhood. We ask that you lift these concerns to our Lord daily in your prayers. P*

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## TOP SHELF READS FROM OUR LIBRARY . . .

### **LETTERS TO GOD**

by Patrick Doughtie and John Perry

Written in 2010, this amazing book boasts of three components: One child's letter, an amazing lesson in prayer, and an inspiring story of hope. And it has it all!



This novel is inspired by the major motion picture that chronicles the life of a boy with terminal brain cancer who copes with the disease by writing letters to God.

When interim postman Brady McDaniels finds Tyler Dougherty's first heaven-bound letter, he simply sees it as another annoyance during a really bad day. Unsure of what to do with the letter, he shoves the letter in his pocket and forgets about it. That night, he finds the letter and follows the advice of his bartender to drop off the letter at a church. He meets the church pastor, who prays for Brady and encourages him to follow through on his "mission from God."

Over time, Brady befriends Tyler and his family. Tyler's mother, Maddy, is angry with God over her husband's untimely death, and her faith is further shaken by her young son's illness. Ty's brother, Ben, struggles not only with the natural trials of being sixteen, but also his own anger over his father's senseless death and Tyler's illness that consumes his mother's attention and the family's limited financial resources. When all hope seems lost, Brady reads Tyler's letters and discovers the power of his talks with God.

Letters to God is a story of laughter, love, and triumph. Most of all it is a saga of hope—in all circumstances—the kind of hope that is found in a simple, childlike friendship with God. Now I hope to view the movie, and place it into our own HRC library. If someone has the DVD and would like to donate it, we'd be happy to receive it.

Sue Cole

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### **ATTENTION: All Young People – 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> SAVE THE DATES**

**Manhunt at the Parsonage on  
Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Youth Group will be having:  
roasted s'mores, pretzels, refreshments and a game of Manhunt.  
All kids in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited.**



**Mark Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> on your  
Calendars for the:  
Youth Group Fright Fest trip.  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 till – park closes  
Meet in Memorial Hall at 5:30 p.m  
(Rain date is October**



**IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES TO REMEMBER**

Every Sunday:

- 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
  - Classes for children age three through 8th grade
  - Confirmation Class
  - Young Adult Class
  - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. First Steps – for parents and children age 0 - 3
- 11:15 a.m. Outreach Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal



# It's a Celebration!

**After 4 years of hosting IHN guests, it is time to meet the faces of ALL the volunteers that have provided meals, company, and support setting up and tearing down for our guests.**

**St. Joseph's Parish Community and Hillsborough Reformed Church  
And IHN Coordinators  
Invite you and your guests to this celebration.**

**Event: Pot Luck Dinner**

**Where: Memorial Hall** (where we host IHN) **at HRC**

**Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010**

**Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**What to bring:**

**St. Jo's volunteers please bring salads, rolls, main courses**

**HRC volunteers please bring main courses and veggies**

*Please let us know if you can make it, so we know how many people we need to plan for.*

**Hillsborough Ref. Church: Darlene 908-359-3391**

**[hrcsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:hrcsecretary@comcast.net)**

**We look forward to seeing ALL our volunteers, including the youth that helped clean up. Hope you can make it.**



*Whatever happened to the pictorial directory?? Hmm  
Answer: It will be made available soon. Watch the bulletin for updates.*

## DEADLINE

The **November 2010 RAM** submission deadline is **Friday, October 15, 2010**. Kindly send information, articles, etc for **November and beyond** to Darlene Purcell via email to [hrcsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:hrcsecretary@comcast.net), regular mail or leave in church office on Darlene's desk.

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*And now a word from Pastor Emeritus:*

This summer Linda and I lived at our cabin in Down East Maine. Dropping off the electrical grid requires some adjustments; there was no Today show, no newspaper at the end of the driveway, not even consistent cell phone service. But there were bald eagles in their nests and common loons on the pond. There were colorful sunsets and walks in the woods. And Maine Public Radio. Each summer on Flanders Pond, it takes us a week or so to learn again to live without e-mail or regular mail delivery. There were days at a time when we were unaware of the latest news from the likes of Paris Hilton or Tiger Woods.

I was fascinated with this account of news gathering from Tabitha, a feisty blond pony – tailed grandmother, who manages the transfer station, AKA “the dump” and the recycling bins for the Town of Sullivan. I was dropping magazines in the proper bin when Tabitha retrieved one of my National Geographic for her grandson as she told me about one local resident who comes once a week to read the newspapers that get placed in recycling. Mainers are very resourceful.

In a world of globalized news media, unfettered blogs, tweets, texting and YouTube videos, the lady who gets her newspapers a week late at the recycling bin is an exception. She probably doesn't carry an iPhone either.

One of my favorite quotations from my theological education was from a German theologian who said we should “go through life with a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other.” That sounds very dated now in an era of 24-hour news reports when some household TV sets are never allowed to reach room temperature.

Our interlude in the Maine woods reminded me of the value of reading books, including the Bible, and living apart from the din and fury of strident news commentators and instant celebrities who are spreading so much misinformation and invective.

One of my favorite Bible verses is found in Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God!” or as one Sunday school student recited it, “I know that He is still God.” Long after the pages of today's newspapers are recycled, this good news from God's Word will still be the best news to live by.

The challenge for me, living again with my daily newspaper, cable TV news stations, the Internet and cell phones, is to not allow the media and other modern communication devices to dominate my life. Also, I want to be aware of others (young people in school classes, families and senior citizens to name a few) who can be obsessed and even oppressed by the constant clatter from the media that can depreciate education, work and family life.

I doubt I will be getting my news at the recycling bins but my prayer is that we will all listen to *The Word* (sometimes in silence) and drop all the other words in their proper place.

Cheerio, Allen Buurma, Pastor Emeritus



Our church website, <http://www.hillsboroughreformedchurch.org> is full of information about church committees, ministries and events. There is a church calendar, church library listings as well as links to other related sites. We have found that there are still some members of our congregation who are unable to open this site beyond the welcome page. If you are having trouble opening the website, you most likely need to update your browser. If this is confusing to you and you do not have someone able to make these adjustments for you, please leave a message in the church office at (908) 359-3391 so that we can find someone to help you.

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