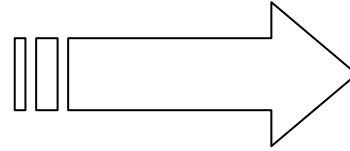


Second Thoughts

JUNE 2005

Newsletter of The Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick

WHAT'S HAPPENING??



I hope you all know by now that Rev. Esther is retiring from his position as Minister of Second Reformed on June 30, 2005.

It is a scary thought to imagine the church without a shepherd. For those members of the congregation who have never been through this before (it's been 29 years), fear not! There is a detailed process that must be followed after a minister leaves and before another is called. The consistory will be working its way through this process and will keep you informed through this column in Second Thoughts as well as regular congregational meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask any of the Elders and they will be happy to let you know "What's Happening"!
Annie Hays

A Safari is Coming to SRC

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is a safari to study the Lord's Prayer. We're calling all children ages 3 and up to come and join us for a week of crafts, music and Bible Stories. From **August 15** through **August 19** we will join with the Collegiate Reformed Churches, as we have done for several years now, for a full filled week of learning and fellowship. What is different this year is that we are trying evening sessions (6:30 – 9:00 pm) instead of mornings. We hope this will allow more children (who go to day care or can't during the day) to participate in VBS. Look for registration forms in the narthex and on the way to the parlor. Please return them to Kathy Fisher or myself.

By the way, I am looking for some volunteers to help me out during the week of VBS. No experience or training is needed. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board between the sanctuary and the parlor. If you can't be there all 5 evenings, sign-up for only a few. The more hands on board, the smoother everything will go.
Annie Hays

Alex, Ashley, Brian, Catherine, Conner, Jenny Leigh, Jamie, Kevin, Kim, Michael Philip, Rachel, Sam Stephanie Tyler and William

I need any members of the youth groups to help me with the church services on **August 28th**. If you are going to be in church that day and can lean a hand, please let me know. If you don't want to stand up in front of church, that's okay. In fact I'm looking for kids who ware willing to do something a little "different" from the usual church service.
Thanks!
Annie Hays

**DEADLINE FOR
THE SUMMER
NEWSLETTER
IS.....JUNE 24TH**

HELP GET OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS SPRUCED UP!

Help get our church buildings spruced up on **Saturday, June 11**. SRC will be hosting Vacation Bible School in August, which should give us all added incentive to make things cleaner, brighter and more welcoming. Projects that we hope you will take on include:

- sorting & tossing old Christian Ed materials
- cleaning classrooms, replacing a broken light fixture cover in room 6
- spackling and paint touch up to repair small wall damage
- lightly sanding and painting the outdoor benches
- washing down our green/black boards
- Narthex cleanup
- Tidy up kitchen cupboards
- Possibly cleaning outside sanctuary windows (depending on scaffolding availability)

As you can see there are many things from which to choose. Maybe you have a different pet project you would like to tackle. Bagels and coffee arrive at 8:30 am. Work time will be from 9 – 1 pm.

Phyllis Beals

June 12th: Honoree Sunday

At a Special Coffee Hour on the **12th of June**, the Congregation will honor several persons who, through the years have rendered special service to the church and through the church. Now, we all know that service is a part of church life, and we have all served at various tasks during our time together, but sometimes people do more than anyone would ever expect, with little or no fanfare, but real impact. Come, share in the honoring! No long speeches, but lots of good will!

Rev. Esther's Retirement Dinner Yahoo!

Don't forget.....this Friday night, **June 10th**, is Rev. Esther's Retirement Dinner. The welcome reception, "cocktail hour" begins at 6:30 pm with dinner and "words of wisdom" to Jim to follow. Shine up those shoes.....we'll see you on Friday!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Children's Day

We will be honoring our Christian Education teachers and children this Sunday, **June 12th**. Our teachers, who put in many hours of their time familiarizing themselves with the Sunday school materials and spent teaching our kids will receive a special treat. In addition to our teachers, our kids will be recognized for their excellent participation and attendance.

Our Sunday School children have learned two songs which they will perform for the members during worship. Please make sure you are able to attend this very important and festive service.

Children's Coffee Hour

Next Sunday is Children's Day, **June 12th**.

As you know this is a traditional Sunday whereas the kids rule the roost! They will be hosting coffee hours, ushering, and giving/receiving Christian Education awards. So **PLEASE** have the kids bring something to share for fellowship. Stop on our way to church next week and pick something up (but don't be late for worship). WAWA, 7-11, Quick Chek....they all make good cookies!! (and pick me up a coffee while you are there.....I take mine w/crème & sugar ☺)

Kathy Fisher

The Goat

The effort the kids put forth for their mission project to purchase a goat for a family in Africa will be recognized also this Sunday. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the children have been contributing money in order to purchase a goat for poor families in Africa. The goat has been purchased and shipped to its new family. More details on "the goats" this Sunday.

Congratulations!

We have two young ladies who have graduated from High School this June:

Lauren O'Shea and Lissa Snyder

Lauren O'Shea

Lauren is graduating this week from Edison High School. She is a Presidential Award winner along with winning other various scholarships for her athletic and academic abilities. She will be attending Rowan University located in Glassboro, NJ this Fall. She will be focusing her studies on Early Childhood Education. She plans to continue with her dancing career at Rowan.

Lissa Snyder

Lissa is graduating this week from Franklin High School. She will be attending Rutgers University, Cook College this Fall. Lissa graduated on the honor roll and received various awards for her participation in the school orchestra (violin) and chorus. She plans to enter the medical field at Rutgers.

Congratulations Girls!!

Summer Worship

Summer Worship times will remain at 10:00 am throughout June, but in July and August, will begin one half-hour earlier, to take advantage of (possibly) cooler temperatures earlier in the morning.

This summer, again, we will hold ALL SERVICES here at Second Reformer's Church building. Beginning at 9:30 am. The exception will be the 21st of August, when we expect to join with other Collegiate Reformed Congregations for outdoor worship and a picnic. More on that later.

So:

**Worship in July & August – 9:30 am
At Second Reformed
100 College Ave.**



All Senior Youth Group Kids:

Kathy Fisher will be chaperoning the "June Youth Group trip" in **July** instead of **June 11th** like it says on the calendar. Every Saturday in June is filled!!

If you are interested in going down to Belmar Beach for the day in July with Rach and me, please send me an email at SRCNB@aol.com. Also tell me what days are good for you. I am available any day of the week (even Thursdays, I'll call in sick for work ☺get it?!)

Kathy

Health Kit Update

Our special Easter 2005 offering project resulted in the assembling of 48 Health Kits. These kits were sent to The Reformed Church World Service for distribution to needy people in areas affected by the disastrous tsunami of December 2004.

In addition, \$255 was given to CWS for shipping and for purchasing supplies for various types of gift kits. Considering the estimated value of each assembled Health kits at \$12, our congregation actually provided \$831 for this project.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed funds, items, and shopping/assembling time towards this act of Christian love and sharing.

Martha Palmer

New Consistory Officers and Members

Helmut Horr – Vice President
Annie Hays - Worship Committee

3 Year Term - April 2008

Curly Boelhouwer – Elder

Glenn Orban – Elder

Kathleen Williamson – Deacon

2 Year Term – April 2007

Hap Harris – Elder

Ann Hays – Elder

Dawn Harris – Deacon

John O'Shea – Deacon

1 Year Term – April 2006

Helmut Horr – Elder

Steve Sandor – Elder

Phyllis Beals – Deacon

Helen Pallay - Deacon