



SECOND THOUGHTS

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Search Team



After many weeks of preparation a Search Team has finally formed and begun the work of looking for a new pastor for Second Reformed Church. The preparation that preceded the selection of the team was extensive. Having completed a very comprehensive self study through the dedicated efforts of Mike Beals, Joan Boelhouwer, Judy Chibbaro, John De Velder, Hap Harris, Helmet Horr, and George Wade Classis New Brunswick granted permission for the church to proceed to call a pastor. We need to be most grateful for the diligent work of this team. They did much background effort to produce the study for which I have received a number of compliments from Classis members. If any member would like to view a copy please contact Kathy in the church office.

The Search Team like the Self-Study team consists of seven members and was chosen by the consistory after considerable prayerful thought about how all age groups and different attitudes in the congregation need to be represented. Although a few of the members of the Self Study team were asked to serve on the Search Team it was felt that a different combination of persons was best suited for the task of looking and searching. Mike Beals and George Wade from the self-study team are joined by Anne Hays, Tom O'Shea, Helen Pallay, Steve Sandor and Mike Mishkovsky (a student at Rutgers who has worshipped with us regularly).

Tom O'Shea serves as Chair of the team and Mike Beals is the recorder. Their task is significant. They are beginning by putting together a package of information for prospective candidates which includes a detailed profile of the congregation and a statement of qualities desired in a pastor as developed in the self study. They will be deciding how to best advertise so that the offer for serving as pastor here get's the broadest and best coverage. Even as work is being done on this package the team has begun to review profiles that have been sent by the human resources office of the denomination and by individuals aware of the opportunity.

The team will also spend time determining what candidates to interview, how to interview a candidate, and eventually how to narrow down the list of candidates so they can ultimately present one name to consistory for approval. Once that happens, and that could take 3-9 months, consistory will interview the candidate and if they find this person a match the congregation will be given opportunity to hear this person preach and then take an advisory vote on whether they wish to call the candidate. In this process the consistory must again gain the approval of Classis regarding the called pastor after which the installation will take place.

A challenge for the Search Team with which all can help is to maintain confidentiality. Since candidates may be pastors of congregations it is very important that all interviewing with these persons remain with the team and candidate. As much as all church members would like to know who is being considered and all other kinds of information about them, this must remain with the persons on the search team. No one else, even consistory members or other ministers, may be privy to Search Team information. So help your team by not asking too many questions. Trust that they are doing their work with due diligence and in God's good time we all will know who the right person is for this church.

The team will and must keep the congregation as informed as possible. As the interim pastor I will serve as their advisor, but will show no partiality that would lead the team to make any decisions about certain persons.

Above all be in prayer for them and their search. Each team member realizes the magnitude of the task and has promised to do their best. They will need your patient support and prayers.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held this summer at First Reformed Church **August 20 - 24** from 9-noon on the first day and 9:30 to noon for the rest of the week. The theme this year is *Paul's Race God's Grace*. There will be crafts, story telling, music, games and snacks as well as a special program for the younger children each day.

VBS is open to children who are four years old and up through sixth grade. Any seventh or eighth grade students are welcome to help with the drama portion or as general helper/volunteers.

Registration is strongly suggested so that we can be certain to have enough supplies. We are asking for all registrations to be in by **July 15**. Look for the registration forms on the table heading towards the parlor for coffee hour. You can return them to Phyllis Beals or Kathy Fisher in the Church Office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact First Reformed Church at 732 545-1005 or our VBS Representative, Phyllis Beals, 732 545-2321.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Children's Day



We will be honoring our Christian Education teachers and children on Sunday, **June 10th**. 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Communion 11:10 Search Team 11:20 Christian Ed	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 Worship Children's Day Congregational Meeting	11	12 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 7:00 pm Consistory Mtg	13	14	15	16
17 10:00 Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 Worship	25	26	27	29	30	

Summer Worship

Summer Worship times will remain at 10:00 am throughout June, but in July and August, we 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 in August, when we expect to join with other Collegiate Reformed Congregations for outdoor worship and a picnic. More on that later.

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

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, **June 10th** following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 2007-2008 Elder and Deacons. Please plan to attend.

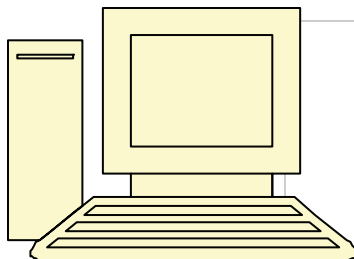
Our Search Team

The consistory wishes to announce that the following persons have been selected and have agreed to serve on our Search Team for finding our next pastor. They are: **Mike Beals, Annie Hays, Mike Mishkovsky, Tom O'Shea, Helen Pallay, Steve Sandor, & George Wade.** Please pray for these persons as they go about this important task. Remember that they are committed to maintaining confidentiality for the sake of the church and the candidates they may interview. So good people don't try to pry for information before its time. At the proper moment all will be made known, and we will all be blessed with a new spiritual leader.

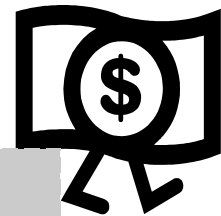
Let's Play....Do you know this Member?

How much do you REALLY know about your fellow church members?
Each month we will be providing 3 facts. Can you guess who this month's member is?
The answer is on page 4

- **Fascinated with Egyptology**
- **Graduated from Berkeley Secretarial School**
- **Enjoys gardening & lived in San Clemente, CA
on the wrong side of the road**



	MAY 2007	Year To Date
Income received:	\$9,148	\$105,721
Expenses Incurred:	15,722	\$ 80,130



Answer: Helen Pallay

JUNE

Ushers

3—Communion—
Curly Boelhouwer &
Helmut Horr

10—Children's Day—
Troy Chibbaro &
Alice Beals

17— Helmut Horr &
Richard Horr Low

24— Tom Williamson
& John O'Shea

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Coffee Hour Hosts

3— Curly & Joan Boelhouwer

10— Deanna & Helmut Horr

17— Winant Family & Helen Erdey

24— Ju Ho & Meehyun Park Kang

**JULY & AUGUST
WORSHIP TIME:
9:30 AM**

