



The Open Door - May 2022

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“Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture”

A Breakfast Buffet will be served from
8:30-10:00 AM on Sunday, May 1st.

Articles for the June Open Door are due
by Monday, May 16th.

Please e-mail them directly to the
church office, bshklch@ptd.net
or leave them in the church office
mailbox in the narthex.



On Target for Men's Shooting Retreat

It will be great to be able to have a Men's Target Shooting Retreat once again this year. Those who have participated in the past have been anticipating the event and it will once again provide an opportunity to share fellowship, food and the understanding of how God blesses all things when we gather in His name.

The Target Shooting Retreat will be on Saturday, June 11th at Steve Schoonover's home starting at 10:00 AM. We'll spend a couple hours of target shooting. At noon, lunch will be provided after which a time of devotions will be held. The retreat is open to all men aged 18

and older. Younger boys who are accompanied by their father or another responsible man are also welcome. In order to provide enough food it is requested that participants use the sign-up sheet in Rottenberg Hall which will be in place in early May.

Whether or not you want to do target shooting or have any interest in shooting is not a factor. This is a time to get together and get to know one another better and, hopefully, fine-tune the life that God would have us live. This is a rain or shine event. Sign up and show up. See Steve or Jonathan Schoonover if you've questions about the event or need directions.

VBS - Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it. This year it will be held the week of August 8-12th from 9:00 AM to noon. We will be doing "Monumental - Celebrating God's Greatness!" There will be a closing program on Friday, August 12th at noon followed by a family BBQ.

We are hoping to partner with local churches. Volunteers are needed. See Michele Clark / 570-460-2356.

Women's Fellowship Mission Statement

Our central mission is to spread the
"GOOD NEWS".

The subsequent benefits are enjoying
Christian Fellowship.

Our goals are Service, Outreach, Special Projects
and Fellowship.

I have been involved with the Women's Group for many years, beginning at our old Church during the 1980's. On behalf of the Women's Fellowship, thank you for our Church Family for supporting the recent Bake Sale, and for your support at all of our functions that help our Church. We appreciate you all so much. There is a long list of accomplishments that the group has helped out with financially; as well as items that were purchased for everyone's benefit. All this is done to glorify our Lord and Savior and to make HIS Church visible to the Bushkill community.

We host Coffee Hour following worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This has been traditional since we moved to our "New Church". We have been blessed this year with new women joining the group. We now have a full table at our monthly meetings. Last meeting we had 13 attending with four unable to be with us. Praise God for these extra helping hands.

Our goal for the near future is to have the bell from the previous church raised off the ground into a timber structure so it can be rung once again. We are also discussing having another event as we have had in the past on September 3rd. We have a good group of vendors from the surrounding area who support the event as well as local folks participating as vendors and customers.

Blessings to all,
Roseann VanWhy, President

Thank You Note to Reformed Church of Bushkill

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ at the
Reformed Church of Bushkill,

*"Your ministry is a blessing in so many ways.
You care for people and your faith in God are
wonderful reminders of what is really
important in life."*

These words above are from a greeting card I just wrote to express my heart. I am so grateful for you!

Thank you so much for your partnership in ministry -- your prayers, financial support, encouragement, and now even loving my friends from the United Nations Community! On a recent weekend I had invited a few ladies to enjoy the beautiful Pocono area with me. I had no doubt that these friends would be welcomed by you, but I marveled at how the Holy Spirit had guided in the planning of the service. As we praised the Lord together, heard the message through Pastor Jim, and enjoyed fellowship in Rottenberg Hall, I couldn't have hoped for a better reminder of the importance of returning to in-person church! We need one another!

Like many, my friends have not resumed regular in-person worship service attendance since COVID restrictions have been lifted. Leaving the sanctuary, many of you greeted my friends. Heading into Rottenberg Hall, they were invited to enjoy something to eat and drink, and fellowship around the table. As we sat there, many of you came over to greet them (OK, so maybe some of you I asked to come over because I really wanted you to meet them!!!). You asked them questions and shared a bit of your life with them. Topping it off, Marilyn's hugs and kisses really made my friends from Colombia and Honduras feel right at home! Thank you to all!!!

With much love and gratitude,
Heidi Jensen

Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

03/01/22 to 03/31/22	01/01/22 to 03/31/22
Income \$13,317.40	Income \$41,630.56
Expenses <u>16,934.94</u>	Expenses <u>52,767.17</u>
(\$ 4,617.54)	(\$ 11,136.61)

Even though we are operating with a deficit, we continue to take 10% of the offerings to support God's work through our Church. God has blessed the Reformed Church of Bushkill in many ways. He has also blessed our Church with each one of you and I feel privileged to be your Treasurer.

If you would like to give money to organizations that do God's work but are not sure about which one, keep in mind that the Deacons are supporting various organizations through your tithes. We also assist local people who are having financial difficulties. You are not only supporting the work of our Church but also helping people locally and afar.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Blessings to you all,
MaryAnn

If you have a mid-week prayer request for our e-mail prayer team please e-mail Jen Schoonover, schooent@ptd.net or call/text her at 570-534-5752

Reminder:

There is a Men's Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday at 9:00 AM.
All men are welcome.

The *Our Daily Bread* devotional is always available in the narthex.
Feel free to take a copy and some extras for your family or friends.

Please continue to bring in your Mignosi's Foodtown receipts for 2022.
Mignosi's generously donates 1% of the receipts minus several ineligible items.
There is a box in the narthex for the receipts.
Thank you!