



## The Open Door - March 2023

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*"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"*



We will be serving breakfast on  
Sunday, March 5th from  
8:30 - 10:00 AM.

The Congregational Care Team will hold a brief  
organizational meeting on Sunday, March 5th  
right after worship in the blue room  
downstairs.

Anyone with questions or interested in joining  
the team should attend this meeting.



Turn your clocks ahead one hour on  
Saturday night, March 11th.  
Daylight Savings Time begins that weekend.

Articles for the April *Open Door* are due  
by Wednesday, March 15th.  
Please e-mail them directly to the church  
office, [bshklch@ptd.net](mailto:bshklch@ptd.net), or leave them in the  
church office mailbox in the narthex.



We will hold a blood drive on Wednesday,  
April 5th from 1:00-6:00 PM in  
Rottenberg Hall.

Appointments are strongly suggested.  
You can schedule your donation online at  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Please continue to send your contact info  
and a picture of you and/or your family to  
Lisa Niper, who is putting together a  
pictorial directory of our congregation.  
You can e-mail your info or questions to  
[lniper@ptd.net](mailto:lniper@ptd.net) / 973-349-7567.

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.

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

## Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelation and Us!

Daniel, like Ezekiel and Revelation, have some of the same visions of what is to come; what an example they give us as to what to do! I'm not saying we have visions like them or that we don't; I don't know if anyone does but I do know that we all could envision our walk or our life with God as we look into ourselves and see our walk with Him. We call this being lead or being called, guided by His Holy Spirit, and we have this in common with Daniel, Ezekiel, and John.

You might be wondering how and where but it really is simple when you think about it. They were in solitude alone with God just as when we say to be still and quiet. This is where we are to find ourselves with God and we find that quiet place, begin our talk with God and wait for His guidance to come to us as with Daniel, Ezekiel, and John. We just might not think of it that way or we might be moving so fast through our life that we are missing the moments that God is trying to show us. The world comes in so fast and life attacks us from all angles, straight on, from the right, the left and from behind; any way the world can get in, it will.

So try to be like John, Daniel and Ezekiel; try to find that alone time, even in a crowd and look and listen for what might come as it says in 1 Corinthians 2:6-10:

God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of

the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written:

'What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived  
the things God has prepared for those who  
love him.'

<sup>10</sup>These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."

This is how we learn to discern what God has called us to do, by listening to Him and building that relationship with Him and listening to the Holy Spirit.

As children, we always wanted to know are we there yet? And as children of God we still want to know are we there yet? It's like the ice cream truck. When it was playing the music we knew it was ice cream time and we all ran to the truck as we want it now! God is patient and we, like children, are in a hurry or in a rush. We know how much God loves us and we want so much more to understand but we need to be patient and let God do His work in us so our true calling will be revealed just as visions were revealed to Ezekiel, Daniel, and John.

So learn to be patient and take your time to learn about God and God with you. He will direct you in the proper direction at the proper time, so wait and learn and love the God who gave you life and already has a plan for you. It is in His time, not ours, as we need to be ready with His wisdom and discernment, so we may do His will. Learn to let God be God and know that He made you and in that He has a plan for you.

God bless,

Elder Bob Craver

## Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

01/01/23 to 01/31/23  
 Income \$ 18,831.30  
 Expenses 21,245.32  
**( \$ 2,414.02)**

We had a few extra bills in January, starting the year with a deficit of \$2,414.02. Not only does our giving demonstrate God's character to the world, it results in increased faith for us. When we are willing to give, we declare that our faith does not depend on material possessions. Instead, we show that our faith is in God, who is always faithful to provide.

If you use AmazonSmile and listed the Reformed Church of Bushkill to receive a percentage of your purchases, this is for your information. We received word from AmazonSmile that with so many eligible organizations, their ability to have an impact is often spread too thin and we don't fall under the categories listed. They have wound the program down on February 20, 2023 and will pursue and invest in other areas where they can make a meaningful change. To help with this transition, we will receive a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what we earned in 2022.

*"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 any of your contact information has changed or would like to let us know your preferred method of communication, please call the church office, 588-6773 or send an e-mail, bshklch@ptd.net and let us know so you will receive any weather-related alerts from us, etc.

Please bring in your Mignosi's Foodtown receipts.

Mignosi's generously donates 1% of the receipts minus several ineligible items. There is a box in the narthex for the receipts.  
 Thank you!