



## The Open Door - March 2024

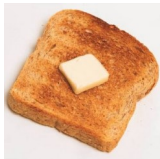
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*"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"*

Reminder:

Communion is now being served using  
gluten-free bread only.

We will be serving breakfast on  
Sunday, March 3rd from  
8:30-10:00 AM.



On Saturday, March 9th, turn your clocks AHEAD  
one hour before retiring for the night.  
Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend.

Articles for the April *Open Door* are due  
by Friday, 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 have the morning service at our  
regular time of 10:30 AM on  
Easter Sunday, March 31st.

**Let's Celebrate during the  
Coffee Hour !!!**



On the *third* Sunday of each month, we will  
be celebrating all of YOU during the coffee hour  
with a special cake! If you have not done so, call  
the church office or e-mail your birthday and/or  
anniversary.

This month, we want to say a very Happy  
Birthday to:

Diane Jiorle and Rich Scarnecchia - March 15  
Yvonne Rodriguez - March 30

### Pastor Search Committee Update

The Pastor Search Committee has completed  
the church profile and submitted it the end of  
February. We should begin to receive applica-  
tions in the near future.

In the meantime, we have pulpit supply  
providing us with our sermons each week.

The Elders will continue to look for an inter-  
im pastor as well while we are looking for a called  
pastor.

Our search committee consists of Bob Crav-  
er, Pete Newman, Erin Reagan, Aharon Delacruz,  
Caroline Agosto, Tiffany Quijano, Ken Goble, Jon-  
athan Schoonover and Mary Scarnecchia.

Please keep this committee in your prayers  
as they discern who will be the right fit for our  
church.

### Glorifying God Through Actions

The Reformed Church of Bushkill's consisto-  
ry would like to take the opportunity to thank the  
people in our congregation who continuously  
work behind the scenes of our church and office  
to help make our buildings and the property sur-  
rounding them comfortable, safe and beautiful.  
Their generosity of money, time, physical labor  
and supplies are donated without fanfare and in  
most instances even recognition.

A few of the jobs that are performed by  
some of our congregants includes weekly mow-  
ing of the grass, trimming of shrubs and trees,  
weeding, along with the general maintenance of  
our buildings that includes cleaning (areas not

covered by our cleaning contract), electrical, plumbing, maintaining our sound system, painting and building decks etc. In addition to the physical labor there are people who donate the bottled water and many of the cleaning supplies used throughout our church such as dish soap, floor cleaner, toilet paper, tissues and hand soap.

We are certainly blessed to have people with the gifts and calling to help maintain our church; it is because of their good works that we do not have to use church funds to hire these jobs out or purchase these supplies.

As Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:4 in His Sermon on the Mount: *“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

We understand that these acts are not done for a pat on the back or to be noticed by others but we want to let you know that we appreciate all that is done behind the scenes. We offer to you a simple thank you for glorifying God through your actions. We are truly blessed to have you as members of our church family.

God Bless!  
RCB Consistory

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.

## Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

1/01/24 to 1/31/24

Income \$ 12,280.23

Expenses 17,198.63

**(\$ 4,918.40)**

January's income was less than usual; starting the year with a deficit.

For those who don't know, each year somewhere between March and June, we receive money from the Lewis Fund. Cy and Janet Lewis, who were known by many in our church, had accumulated a great deal of wealth and set up a trust fund to be split between four entities, the Reformed Church of Bushkill being one. In 2023 we received \$114,324.50. We tithed this money by giving 10% to the Deacons. That amount was \$11,432.45. The remaining amount was intended to pay the mortgage (which has been paid off), and things we need but can't afford and to fund the startup of new positions or ministries. The budget must be supported by the people of the congregation.

Let's never forget Cy and Janet Lewis and be grateful for their generosity, which is how we were able to build our Church.

*“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

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!