



The Open Door - May 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, May 5th from
8:30-10:00 AM.



There will be a staff meeting on Sunday, May 5th
at 12:00 in the conference room.

Staff meetings are now on the first Sunday
of the month, right after worship.

Articles for the June *Open Door* are due
by Wednesday, May 15th.

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

Baby Shower for The Angel’s Closet



Come and support The Angel’s Closet at
their Baby Shower on Saturday, May 18th from
1:00-3:00 PM. Bring a gift, 0-24 months, and
play games, win prizes and enjoy some yummy
snacks.

The Angel’s Closet is a non-profit organiza-
tion, housed in our church, that provides new
and gently-used layettes and clothing for new-
borns through 24 months since 2001.

Prayer Retreat - September 21

We will hold a Prayer Retreat, “The Vine” on
Saturday, September 21st in our church from
9:00-3:00 PM. The fee is \$10 per person with
breakfast and lunch included.

There is a sign-up poster in the narthex;
please sign up so we can plan more effectively.



Belated April birthday wishes to:

Liz Craver, Linda Johns and Jennifer Schoonover
Ruben Quijano - April 14
John Mozon - April 15

Blessed birthday wishes to:

Dorothy Bush - May 3
Madeline Hull - May 27

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.

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!

Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

2/01/24 to 2/29/24	1/01/24 to 2/29/24
Income \$ 5,956.29	Income \$18,236.52
Expenses <u>13,673.40</u>	Expenses <u>30,872.04</u>
(\$ 7,717.11)	(\$12,632.52)

We received the Lewis Fund check this month in the amount of \$110,909.32. This yearly distribution is from the Lewis Fund Foundation which is money from Sy & Janet Lewis who bequeathed their estate to four organization, the Reformed Church of Bushkill being one of them. Through their generosity and a Capital Campaign, we were able to build our Church and pay the mortgage with this money.

The Church tithes 10% of its income each month to the Deacons, plus 10% from the Lewis Fund. The Deacons will receive \$11,090.03 from this check, leaving a balance of \$99,818.39. Since our mortgage is paid off, the balance will be held in reserves and used for purchasing items we cannot afford, special projects or programs and occasionally to initiate a staff position, until the budget can fund the position. The remaining amount was never intended to be used to supplement the budget shortfall. The budget must be supported by the people of the congregation.

Please pray for our Country.

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

3/01/24 to 3/31/24	1/01/24 to 3/31/24
Income \$ 11,037.65	Income \$29,274.17
Expenses <u>24,280.41</u>	Expenses <u>55,152.45</u>
(\$ 13,242.76)	(\$25,878.28)

Right now we are showing a large deficit. We had a large expense for a new lawn mower of \$13,799. This will come from one of our Fund accounts and will reflect on next month’s report. *“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.” 1 Corinthians 16:2*

Blessings to you all,
MaryAnn

**Thank You Note from
The Angel’s Closet**



A little over a year ago, The Angel’s Closet (TAC) moved into the yellow/green room downstairs. We had outgrown the space we were in and now we have a much larger workspace here. Last year we supplied 178 bundles to mothers in need in Monroe County. So far this year, we have given out 55 bundles. Actually, since 2001, we have given out 3,411 bundles!!

Our bundles have been for newborns through 12 months and have recently decided to include up to 24 months since we have been receiving many calls for these sizes as well.

The bundles consist of diapers, wipes, bath towels and washcloths, receiving blankets, bibs, onesies, sleepers, outfits, socks, hats, sweaters, handmade blanket and quilt and when we have them, board books and a toy.

TAC would like to thank The Reformed Church of Bushkill for their prayers, monetary donations, the lovely donated items in our bin in the narthex and for the wonderful room we have in the church so we can continue to serve our community.