

Calendar of events

Saturdays: Saturday Night Live Open AA meeting in the Education Building, 8PM
Today: Sunday worship: All Saints Day with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, 10:30AM. After worship, we will have our First Sunday brunch in the Education Building
November 3: New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM
November 5: Adult Education in Coventry House, 10AM & 7PM
November 6: Joyful Noise Adult Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 6PM
November 8: Woman’s Club of Middletown meeting in the Education Building, 11AM
November 9: Sunday worship: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30AM
November 10: New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM
November 10: Consistory meeting in the Education Building, 7PM
November 12: Bayshore Lunch Program volunteer opportunity, 9:45AM

Consistory

Elders Dianne Asay, Financial Secretary Dolores Hofmann Lisa Leidecker, Vice President Cindy Reya, Co-Treasurer Rev. Tricia Sheffield, President	Deacons Julie Hertzog Kim Larson, Clerk Dara Steele
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Middletown Reformed Church Vision Statement

(Adopted by the Consistory 9 May 2016)
Middletown Reformed Church is a welcoming and affirming congregation, where the inclusive grace of God is the guiding principle for all our ministries. We are people of faith committed to boldly proclaiming and intentionally living out God’s command to do justice, share love, show mercy, and walk humbly with our God in our local and global communities. We are a church on the side of love for all God’s people – providing for those who are in need, advocating for all oppressed peoples, and caring for our earth – we love because God first loved us.

Notes from Pastor Trish

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Trish 212-729-9150 or e-mail at pastortrishmrc@gmail.com. You may also call the Church Office phone at 732-671-1786. Messages are picked up during the week. Pastor Trish’s office hours are Tuesday, 1-3, Wednesday, 2-4, Thursday, 1-3 or by appointment. Weekend and evening times are also available. Her day of Sabbath rest is Monday. She does not answer texts, emails, or phone calls on this day, unless it’s an emergency.

In our prayers

For the healing journey: Henry Thorpe; a neighbor; Irv Beaver; Eric H; Nancy Coffin; Diane Grady; Joy Sheffield; Tom Smigel; Diana S
For God’s support, strength, & comfort: Team June; the family of Dot Bradley on the recent death of her husband, Mike; Donna Arnold; Mercedes’ mother, Fran; Florence Horsman; Linda Grasso; Magdala; Fleming; Linda
For God’s guidance & discernment: Suzanne

Please continue to remember all those who have served our country, especially those who are serving: David Celeste & Joseph Petrone, United States Air Force; Michael Howlett & Lloyd Petrone, United States Marine Corps

Social media

Website: www.mrchurch.us
Facebook: Middletown Reformed Church
YouTube: MRC: A Fabulous Church of Love
Instagram: middletownreformednj
Spotify: Middletown Reformed Church podcast

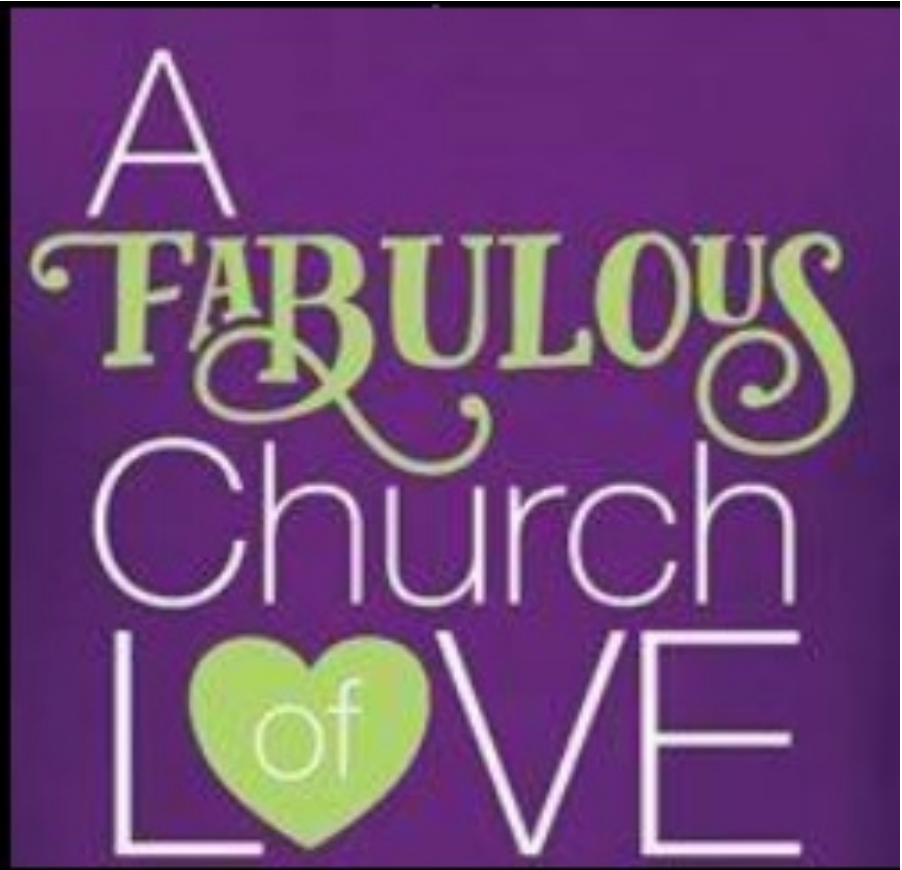


Scan the QR code for a link to our online giving opportunities, or go to www.mrchurch.us/give

The flowers today are from the Flower Fund
If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for worship, contact Dolores Hofmann at 732.671.9308. The cost is \$25.
Our greeters today are Dianne Asay & Lisa Leidecker.
Our greeters next week are Cindy Reya & Dara Steele.

Our 2025 RCA Annual Denominational Assessment of \$107.10 per member is due. The total amount for the year is \$5,569.55, which the church pays on a quarterly basis (\$1,392.39). This assessment supports the work of our Classis, Regional Synod, and the General Synod. The per capita dues of \$7 for the United Church of Christ is also due. Total amount for both RCA and UCC is \$114.10 per member. If you wish to contribute toward the assessment/dues, please mark your check in the memo section “Denominational assessment/ Dues.” You are welcome to request information at any time from the treasurers regarding the current fiscal status of the church.

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Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD, Pastor
Thomas Martucci, Director of Music
Julie Hertzog, Coordinator for Children & Youth

All Saints’ Sunday 02 November 2025

Prelude Come to Me

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Message for all ages

Call to worship (from unfoldinglight.net)
Elder Lisa Leidecker, liturgist

Leader: God of love, we gather surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
All: Blessed and upheld with all the saints, we praise you.
We come at Christ’s invitation, with the poor and the outcast.
Healed and made new with all the saints, we thank you.
We shine with the gifts of your Spirit.
Gifted and anointed with all the saints, we serve you. In gratitude and joy, with all the saints, we worship you!

*Opening hymn The Church’s One Foundation (251)

Prayer of confession (adapted from unfoldinglight.net)
God, we confess we sometimes act only on our own behalf, not as agents of your holy purposes for love, healing and justice. Forgive our selfishness, heal our fears, sanctify us for the work of love, and renew in us the holy light of your spirit, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened we may fulfill your delight, according to the mystery of your power in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, who became what we are to make us what he is. Amen

Kyrie eleison
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God’s grace (adapted from Worship Ways)
Liturgist: Beloved, you are God’s magnificent handiwork. Know that God’s love for you is assured, God’s grace finds you in the midst of your struggles, and God’s plan for you is filled with hope. You are redeemed, recognized, and restored to the glory of God. Amen

Law of Love/Faithful living

*Halle, Halle (768)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

We listen to God
Scripture reading 1 Kings 19.1-18 (OT page 302)

Anthem I Got Joy

Sermon A Snack and A Nap Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD

We respond to God
Invitation to the offering

Offertory Come to Me (Reprise)

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Remembering, Grieving, and Praying with the Cloud of Witnesses: A Liturgy of Return and Remembrance for All Saints’ Day
Written by Elliot Weidenaar, M.Div.

The Prayers of the People with the Lord’s Prayer
You are invited to pray the Lord’s Prayer in any version or language you wish.
Ever-loving and holy God, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*Closing hymn Be Thou My Vision (859)

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

+ *Our restroom is located downstairs through the entryway next to the filing cabinets*

