

Calendar of events

Saturdays: Saturday Night Live Open AA meeting in the Education Building, 8PM
Today: Sunday worship: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, 10:30AM
Today: Worship Committee meeting after coffee hour
November 17: New Jericho Choir rehearsal the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM
November 18: Brownies Troop meeting in the Education Building, 5PM
November 19: Adult Education in Coventry House, 10AM & 7PM
November 20: Joyful Noise Adult Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 6PM
November 22: Middletown Helps Its Own at New Monmouth Baptist Church, 9AM
November 23: Sunday worship: Reign of Christ Sunday, 10:30AM
November 25: Middletown Lions Club meeting in the Education Building, 6PM
November 26: No Adult Education

Consistory

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

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: Bob Bark; Henry Thorpe; a neighbor; Eric H; Nancy Coffin; Diane Grady; Joy Sheffield; Tom Smigel; Diana S
For God’s support, strength, & comfort: the Hertzog family; Michelle; Corey; Mike; 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

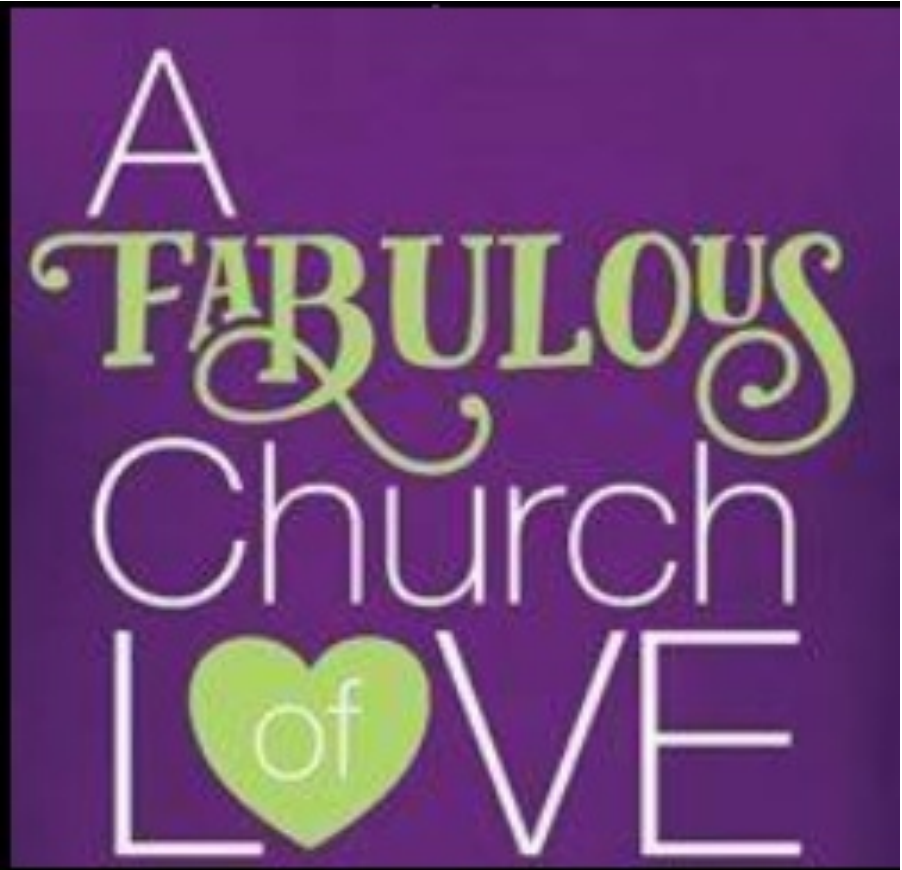


Scan the QR code for a link to our online giving opportunities, or go to www.mrchurch.us/give

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 Kim Larson & Dara Steele.
Our greeters next week are Julie Hertzog & 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). **So far we have received \$1,366.60 in assessments/dues.** 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 treasurer 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

Loving and holy God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, who became what we are to make us what he is. Amen

We respond to God

Affirmation of Faith (*The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #107)

Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

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

