

## Calendar of events

**Saturdays:** Saturday Night Live Open AA meeting in the Education Building, 8PM

**Today:** Sunday worship: Pride Sunday, **9:45AM** After worship, we will march in the New Jersey Pride Parade

**June 8:** New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM

**June 8:** Consistory meeting in the Education Building, 6:30PM

**June 9:** Girl Scouts meeting in the Education Building, 5PM

**June 10:** Bayshore Lunch Program, 9:45AM

**June 12:** Prime Time Day Care graduation event in the sanctuary, 6PM

**June 14:** Sunday worship: Children's Sunday, 10:30AM. Brunch will follow worship in the Education Building

**June 21:** Sunday worship: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 10:30AM

**June 23:** Middletown Lions Club meeting in the Education Building, 6PM

**June 27:** Private baby shower event in the Education Building, 11AM-4PM

## Consistory

### Elders

Dianne Asay, Financial Secretary, Alt Clerk  
Dolores Hofmann  
Beverly Bova Scarano, Vice President  
Jamie Zeller  
Rev. Tricia Sheffield, President

### Deacons

Pam Ehrlich  
Kim Larson, Clerk  
Dara Steele  
Abbey Thorpe

## 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 [pastortrismrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortrismrc@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:** Joy Sheffield; Donovan Mikula; Nancy Coffin; Jim D'Amico; Maureen; Dolores Hofmann; Adrienne B; Barbara Mannix; Tom Baldino; Jamie Zeller; Stephanie Curry; Bob Bark; Henry Thorpe; Diane Grady

**For God's support, strength, & comfort:** Cheryl & Charlie A; John & Patti Wilson; the Hertzog family; Mercedes' mother, Fran; Florence Horsman; Magdala; Fleming; Linda G

Please continue to remember all those who have served our country, especially those who are serving: Joseph Petrone, United States Air Force; Michael Howlett & Lloyd Petrone, United States Marine Corps; and all those serving overseas now in the Middle East

## Social media

**Website:** [www.mrchurch.us](http://www.mrchurch.us)

**Facebook:** Middletown Reformed Church

**YouTube:** MRC: A Fabulous Church of Love

**Instagram:** middletownreformednj

**Spotify:** Middletown Reformed Church podcast



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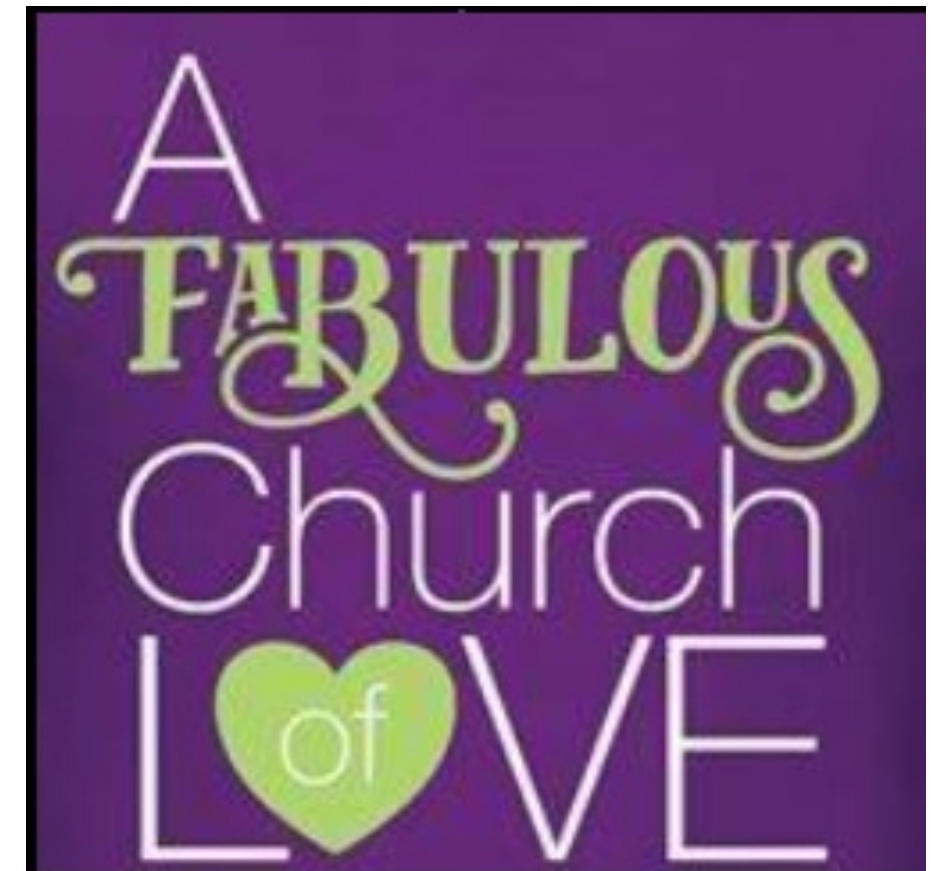
The flowers today are from the Flower Fund  
If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for worship, contact Dolores Hofmann at 732.671.9308. The cost is \$25.

Our greeters today are Dolores Hofmann & Abbey Thorpe.

Our greeters next week are Pam Ehrlich & Jamie Zeller.

Our 2026 RCA Annual Denominational Assessment of \$140.00 per member is due. The total amount for the year is \$5,992.58, which the church pays on a quarterly basis (\$1,492.15). This assessment supports the work of our Classis and the General Synod. The per capita dues of \$7 for the New Jersey Association, UCC is also due. These dues support the work of the Association. Total amount for both RCA and UCC is **\$147.00 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

Pride Sunday

07 June 2026

## We approach God

Prelude

*Improvisation*

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Call to worship

(adapted from *unfoldinglight.net*)

Leader: We gather from many different lives and places.

**All: But, God, we are one in you**

We have many different hopes and beliefs.

**But, Jesus, we are one in your love.**

We have many different gifts.

**But God, in your Holy Spirit, we are one body. Your love is supreme over all the world. We worship you, to be claimed by your love, transformed by your love, and sent in your love for the healing of the world.**

**Alleluia!**

\*Opening hymn

*You Are Mine* (430)

Prayer of confession

**All: Holy God, your word tells us that you created us; you take delight in us; you justify us; you advocate for us. And yet, despite such grace, we confess to doubting your word, and doubting our worth. When we suffer, we are quick to abandon hope, quick to believe the voices that challenge our belovedness. Forgive us, Gracious God. Grant us the grace to believe you above all others; to see ourselves through your eyes; and to persevere in hope. 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

(from *Worship Ways*)

Assuredly God forgives us of all of our wrongdoings—those committed consciously and unconsciously. Thank you God for your forgiveness. Let us forgive others as God continuously forgives us as we work to do better starting now.

**All: Amen**

Law of Love/Faithful living

\*Celtic Alleluia



**We listen to God**

Scripture reading 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 (NT page 159)

Sermon

*Our Soul's Address*

Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD

**We respond to God**

Invitation to the offering

Offertory

\*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**

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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

(426, v 1-3)

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

*The baptismal font is filled with water every Sunday to remind us of the sign and seal of God's love for us in our baptism.*

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

