

The Link



A Special Bond We Share Amidst Our Isolation

The fourth to last statement of the Apostles' Creed is "(I believe...) in the communion of saints." The Oxford dictionary describes it as "The spiritual union existing between each Christian and Christ, and so between each and every Christian." The Reformed Church in America translates the phrase into the union between believers in all times and in all places. I believe many of us can attest to this, especially during this time of isolation. It's more than just fellowship in the English traditional sense (friendship, affiliation, etc.), though the Greek word (κοινωνία, ἡ, communion, association, partnership) is often translated into the English word for fellowship, as you can see in 1 Corinthians 1:9. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9, ESV) The koinonia that we share is a union forged by the blood of Christ; we have a supernatural bond because of our personal and collective faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate this bond in many ways, not the least of which is our participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. Now more than ever, in the midst of our isolation, we can feel this bond we have, this koinonia, when we gather online. We can't see each other, yet we trust in our union in Christ that we are gathered together in common soul and purpose to acknowledge God's worth. I am looking forward to when we can meet again in God's sanctuary, and I am grateful to the Lord for giving us His koinonia and for our sharing in the communion of saints.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Dave

Updates from the Christian Nurturing Center

Dear Congregation,

The dramatic events of the past few weeks have impacted so many including our families at the Christian Nurturing Center. School was closed as of March 17th and will remain closed until further notice. Upon hearing of the imminent closing, our staff quickly mobilized and assembled home learning packets for the families to take with them. Since then, out of pure love and compassion for the children, our teachers remain committed to keeping in touch with the families; providing learning resources, emotional support and what ever else that can be done to help ease anxiety. Continue to keep all of the families of the Christian Nurturing Center and the staff members in your prayers. We look forward to the day when our rooms will again be filled with the sounds of laughter of the precious children that are a part of our Christian Nurturing Center family.

Peace and blessings,

Rachel LaRitz, Director, Christian Nurturing Center

More Important Church News

NRC Resources Available

Good news: Our church office is still open (in a virtual way)! Please call (908-369-4542) or email (admin@neshanicreformedchurch.org) with any questions or concerns you have during this time.

Please check out our website for the weekly online links necessary to participate in Wednesday evening Bible Study and Sunday worship in addition to dial in options.

Although in-person church services have stopped for a while, many of our expenses haven't. To keep up with tithing, you can donate securely via our website for a single or recurring donation. The link is found on our home page.

Additional important information will be posted on the website and emailed to all members and friends of the church.

Knitted Knockers

Hearts & Hands is proud to announce they have partnered with Knitted Knockers an organization that provides soft, comfortable, knitted prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. For the women who have had breast surgery and are waiting for reconstruction or for those who cannot afford or tolerate a synthetic prosthetic, Knitted Knockers provide a soft comfortable solution to prosthetics that can make a woman feel "normal" again.

These prosthetics are knitted or crocheted with specific yarns and patterns and distributed throughout the world through the Knitted Knockers Support Foundation. Hearts & Hands has already contributed Knockers through the Hackensack Meridian Health JFK Medical Center Foundation, our local provider.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting for this organization, we can provide you with yarn and patterns. If you know someone who might be interested in obtaining a sample Knocker, we can put you in touch with the local organization or you can go to Knittedknockers.org for more information.

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