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The
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*A Christ-Centered, Open and Affirming Church
for All People!*

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We are praying for those who are in need of God's special care: Anna May Walter, Kaylie Ernst, Angela Droescher, Brendan Ernst, Jacob Abdi, Dominic Capello, Tyson Ratering, Rebecca Aley, Owen Bushey, Barb, the people of Ukraine and Iran, of Turkey and Syria.

April Calendar of Events

- 2-10:00 am Worship w/Lord's Supper
Palm Sunday
11:00 am High Tea and Palm Cross-Making
6-Maundy Thursday
7-8:00 pm Good Friday service
Good Friday
8-Holy Saturday
9-10:00 am Worship
The Resurrection of our Lord
11:00 am Egg Hunt
10-7:00 pm Consistory Meeting
16-10:00 am Worship
17-7:00 pm "Unoffendable" Bible Study
22-10:00 am Heaven's Harvest Pantry distrib.
23-10:00 Worship
24-7:00 pm "Unoffendable" Bible Study
30-10:00 am Worship
2:30 pm Tour at Fairfield Reformed Church

April Celebrations

- 1-Emma Wilks birthday
7-Angela Droscher birthday
17-Lois Van Houten birthday
24-Cormac & Stephanie McEvoy anniv.
27-Roger McNeill birthday
30-Matt & Nicole Edzenga anniv.



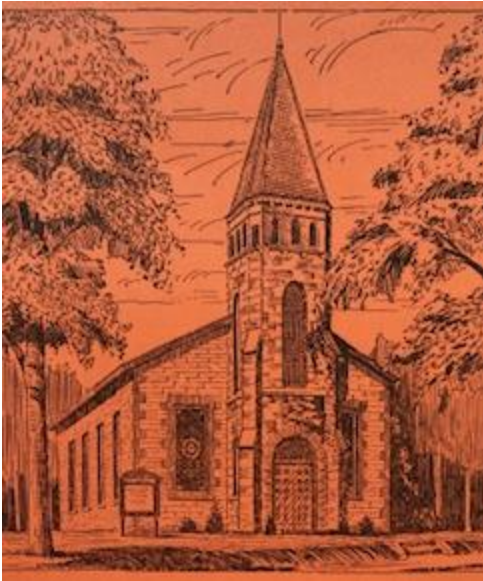
Our new lawn banner, in honor of our 200th anniversary!

The Time Capsule Coffee Hour, in which we cooked and ate sweet and savory dishes pulled from the 1911 cookbook that was published by our church's youth group at the time, was a total success! Thanks to all who participated, and especially to Cheffie O'Keeffe, who lent us her expertise and advice for the event!

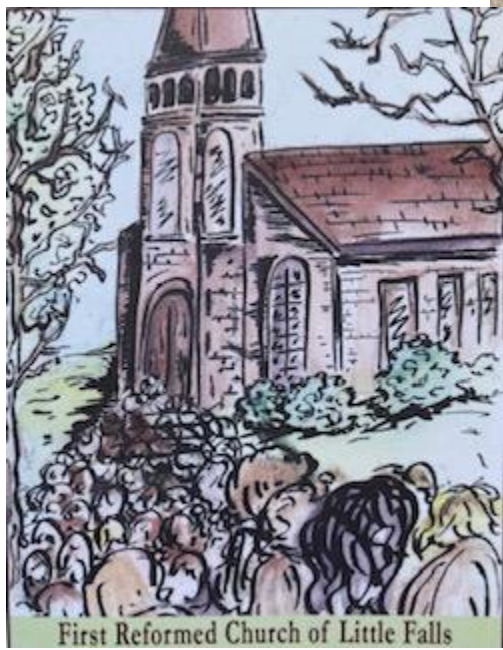
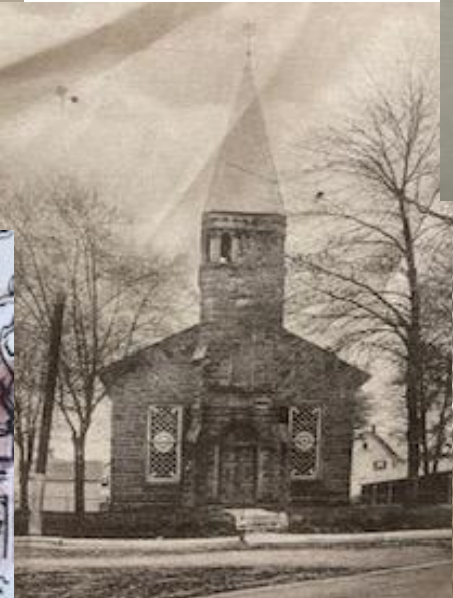
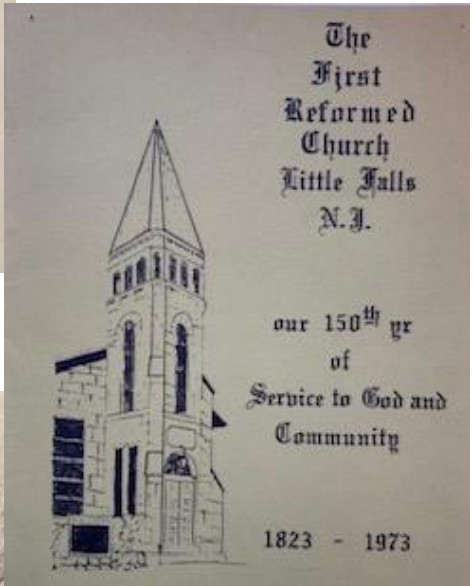
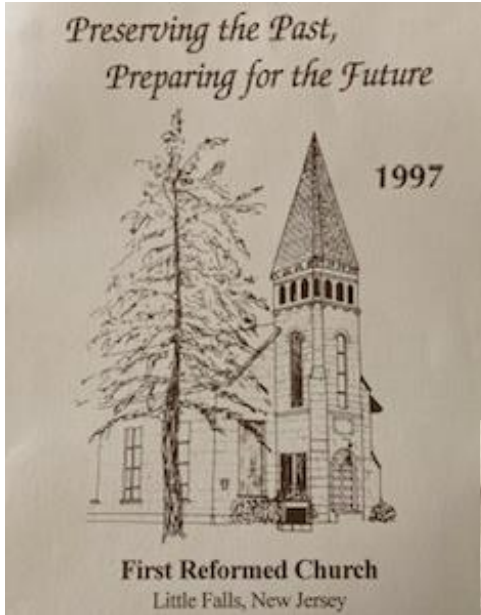


What a wide variety of delicious, old-fashioned dishes we sampled!



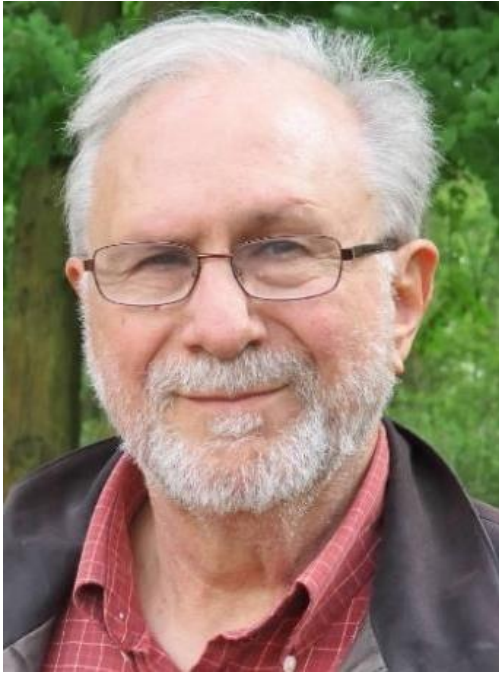


A collection of just some of the images of the church building throughout the years!



Happy 200th to the whole congregation!





To our great sadness, the Rev. Chuck Bigelow passed away during the month of March. He was a giant of faith and service here in Little Falls, as the pastor of First Reformed Church from 1974 to 2000. Our prayers and hearts are with his wife Debbie, beloved in this community, and with their kids Peter and Rachel, and their families. It is possible that there will be a memorial service held in New Jersey in the coming weeks—please watch for news of that. Let us remember Pastor Chuck with love.

Special Offering: During the 10:00 am Easter service, a special offering will be taken for Heaven's Harvest Food Pantry!

Good Friday Worship: All are invited to a solemn service of Scripture, drama, song, and sacrament on Good Friday, at 8:00 pm, in our sanctuary.

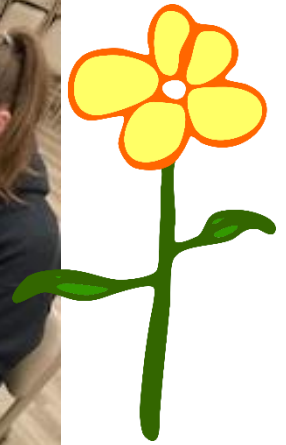
After Easter Sunday worship, there will be a brief egg hunt for the children! All are invited to bring their own baskets for this fun tradition.

Visit to Fairfield Reformed Church: On Sunday, April 30th, at 2:30 pm, let's go to Fairfield Reformed Church in Fairfield to have a guided tour of the building and grounds, as a part of our 200th Anniversary celebration! Did you know that Fairfield Reformed planted our church in 1823 as a "mission station"? Let's learn all about it! Sign up for this tour by giving Pastor Emily a call!

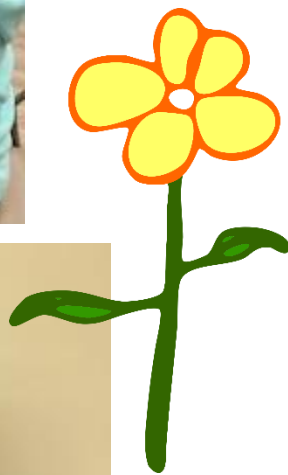


Wow! 8 pound, 2 ounce Macklin Roger was born to Erin and Gary Wilks on March 27th! Call him "Mack"!





In March, we made Easter Gardens! A beautiful project for all ages to help us engage with the Easter story!



WELCOME! OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBER, MRS. DONNA SHELICHACH!