

Calendar of events

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

Today: Sunday worship: Pentecost Sunday, 10:30AM with confirmation of youth and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Sunday Brunch will follow worship in the Education Building
June 9: New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM
June 9: Consistory meeting in the Education Building, 7PM
June 11: Bayshore Lunch Program volunteer opportunity, 9:45AM
June 13-14: MRC Rummage Sale in the Education Building, 9AM - 3PM
June 15: Sunday worship: Children’s Day — The Garden of Eden — adapted by Nancy Coffin, 10:30AM
June 20: First Day of Summer party at Coventry House, 7-9PM
June 22: Sunday worship: Second Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30AM. Rev. Freeman L. Palmer, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ, guest preacher
June 24: Middletown Lions Club meeting in the Education Building, 6PM
June 29: Sunday worship: Third Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30AM

Consistory

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

In our prayers

For the healing journey: Judy Daugherty; Chris Coll; Mercedes’ mother Fran; Beverly Scarano; Tom Smigel; Nancy Spayd; Nicole
For God’s support, strength, & comfort: Florence Horsman; the Hertzog family; Pam Donohue as she grieves the loss of her husband, Steve; Dan Pannebaker & his family as they grieve the loss of Patty Pannebaker; Linda Grasso; Linda G; Magdala
For God’s guidance: Community Church of Keyport

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](https://www.instagram.com/middletownreformednj)
Spotify: Middletown Reformed Church podcast



Scan the QR code for a link to our online giving opportunities.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Dianne’s Dad, Christian and Happy Birthday to her sister, Jill (May 28th) — from Dianne Asay

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 & Taralynn VanBrunt.
Our greeters next week will be Lisa Leidecker & 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

Day of Pentecost08 June 2025

We approach God

PreludeTe Deum(Charpentier)

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Call to worship(from unfoldinglight.net)
Leader: Holy Spirit, you breathed over the waters and brought forth Creation.

All: You create us anew each day, each breath.

Holy Spirit, you live and move in all of us.

You make us one, your living body.

Holy Spirit, you enflame us with your love.

We are the love song you sing to the world. And so we sing our love to you. Alleluia!

*Opening hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness(238)

Prayer of confession(from unfoldinglight.net)
Spirit of God, you breathe your love in us.

We give thanks for those times when we have lived by your love, your Spirit in us . . . (Silence . . .)

Spirit of God, you breathe your love in us.

We confess those times when we have lived by fear or selfishness, not by your Spirit, and we open ourselves to your grace . . . (Silence . . .)

We breathe in your grace . . . and we breathe out your grace.Thanks be to you, God of our breath. 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)
Leader: Hear the Good news: The Spirit of God delivers grace and peace as we move through our journeys and inspires us to connect with God and neighbor to create a world of hope and joy.

All: Amen!

Law of love/Faithful living

*Glory be to the FatherHenry W Greatorex

Sheet music for "Glory be to the Father" by Henry W Greatorex. The music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system has a treble and bass staff. The third system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

We listen to God

Scripture readingActs 2.1-4 (NT page 103)
Galatians 5.16-26 (NT page 168)
Deacon Taralynn VanBrunt, liturgist

AnthemLet There Be LoveJoyful Noise Adult Choir

SermonFire & FruitRev.Tricia Sheffield, PhD, preacher

We respond to God

Confirmation/Installation

To be confirmed: Amelia Nicole Caddle and Brenner

Robert Larson

To be installed: Dolores Hofmann

Invitation to the offering

OffertorySpring(Vivaldi)

*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

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 God Of Grace And God Of Glory(926)

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

A special thanks to our guest musician, Ahava Walpola, Trumpet