

# The New Utrecht Reformed Church 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

27<sup>th</sup> October 2007



Organized October 1677  
Reformed Dutch Church of New Utrecht  
Long Island

## Ministers

The People of New Utrecht  
The Reverends Terry Troia & Robert Peterson

## Board of Elders

Erik Ander, Pam Ander, Susan Hanyen (Vice President), Rita Hollenga

## Board of Deacons

Carol Dickert, Rose Lood (Chair), Michelle Paradies, Deborah Siciargo

Dear Friends and Members of New Utrecht,

It gives me great pleasure as the President of the Classis of Brooklyn, and as an elder and treasurer of this New Utrecht congregation to bring you greetings and congratulations on your ---and our ---330<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to wish you God's speed on the years of ministry to come.

As an immigrant from the Netherlands who was welcomed to New Utrecht Reformed Church in 1957, I am proud to be a part of this history of making the mission of Jesus Christ possible in the life of the Bensonhurst community.

All of us in the diverse and urban community of the Brooklyn Classis affirm that God is doing a great thing here at New Utrecht ---the community is welcomed and the work of the kingdom is being done!

To God be the Glory!

Elder Rita Hollenga  
President, Brooklyn Classis  
Reformed Church in America  
27 October 2007

## **The Kingdom of God is in the fabric of our lives.**

These are words from a sermon given in a Congregational Church in western Massachusetts. What is the fabric and tapestry of our lives? What binds us together, gives meaning and focus and peace? How do we live our daily lives?

After 330 years, this special community of believers called New Utrecht Church is still living out God's word – love one another, keep the commandments, take care of the downtrodden, do good, see beyond our own needs, feed the poor, be the face of God to those we meet, and in the words of Paul in his Letter to Timothy, "Remember Jesus Christ".

Time passes, changes take place – new immigrants come, buildings deteriorate and must be restored, but the unfailing love of God continues. The Holy Spirit works through all at New Utrecht – members, faraway adherents, visitors, Scouts, history lovers, concertgoers, the Korean Mirral Church, the Russian Church, the Senior Center, A.A. The list goes on and on. As Rev. Arv Ten Brink, one of our former ministers, said – "if the walls could talk". And yet the walls do talk, through our living out the faith and actions of those who came before us. Rev. Dick Blake, another former minister, wrote in a note to Rita Hollenga, "New Utrecht Church is a wonder." And Dick knows that the wonder comes from above.

Every moment of our lives is filled with grace – we need to allow the Spirit of God to shape our vision so that we see through to the truth, to the Kingdom of God that is all around us and in us. And be the people of God for another 330 years.

In His name, ✓

Susan Hanyen

Vice President of Consistory

October 27, 2007

The flowers gracing the altar and the dorsal drapes in the chancel framing the stained glass window, depicting "Jesus Blessing the Children", are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my beloved parents, Josephine and Henry and in joyous celebration of our church's 330<sup>th</sup> anniversary from Victor Anthony Safay.

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude "Ode to Joy" L. von Beethoven  
Introit "In Christ There is No East or West"

performed by Kavanagh Michael Honor  
A. Reinagle

Welcome and Call to Worship: Psalm 33 & Tobit 13

Shout joy to the Lord, lovers of justice! **HOW RIGHT IT IS TO PRAISE GOD!**

For the word of God is true: what God says, God does!

**THIS LOVER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE FILLS THE EARTH WITH LOVE!**

Match your praise to all God has done for you.

**BLESS THE LORD OF JUSTICE, WHO RULES FOREVER!**

\*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest.  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee

Let us be before our God in silence.

Unison Prayer: Psalm 15 & 5

**LORD, WHO IS WELCOME IN YOUR HOUSE? WHO CAN REST ON YOUR HOLY MOUNTAIN? THOSE WHO WALK WITH INTEGRITY AND DO ONLY WHAT IS RIGHT, SPEAKING TRUTH WITH COURAGE...THESE ARE THE JUST: THEY STAND FOREVER UNSHAKEN. YOU NEVER WELCOME EVIL, GOD, NEVER LET IT STAY..BY YOUR GREAT MERCY I ENTER YOUR HOUSE AND BEND LOW IN AWE WITHIN YOUR HOLY TEMPLE...BRING ME YOUR JUSTICE.**

Kyrie (sung) **LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

The Assurance of Pardon and The Summary of the Law (Mk 12: 29-31)

This is the first commandment:

**HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

This is the second commandment. **YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**

There is no greater commandment than these.

## THE WORD OF GOD

\* Psalm 103

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn No 623)**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END, AMEN, AMEN!**

Special Presentations

\*The Celtic Alleluia and Gospel

*The Reverend Wes Granberg-Michaelson, General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America*

Anthem "One Bread, One Body" John Foley, S.J.

Prayers of Thanksgiving offered by the ministries and members of New Utrecht Church  
The Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Closing Hymn "Be Thou Our Vision"

Be Thou our Vision, O Lord of our hearts; Naught be all else to us, save that Thou art—  
Thou our best thought, by day or by night, walking or sleeping thy presence our light.

Be Thou our wisdom and Thou our true Word, We ever with Thee and Thou with us, Lord;  
Thou our great Parent and we daughters and sons; Thou in us dwelling and we with Thee one.

High God of heaven, our victory won, may we reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of our own heart, whatever befall, still be our Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

\*The Benediction – The Reverend James Muller, Pastor of St. Finbar's Roman Catholic Church

\*Choral Response

Postlude "Voluntaries in E Flat Major"

S. Jackson

***We continue praising God by breaking bread with one another in the sharing of this meal!***

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The Reformed Church in America is a fellowship of congregations called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the very presence of Jesus Christ in the world.

Our shared task is to equip congregations for ministry—

A thousand churches in a million ways doing one thing—

Following Christ in mission, in a lost and broken world so loved by God.

## Psalm 103

### Thanksgiving for God's Goodness Of David.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his  
benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the  
Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast  
love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as  
long as you live,  
so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are  
oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to  
Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and  
gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger  
forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us  
according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our  
iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high  
above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love  
toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the  
west,  
so far he removes our  
transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion for  
his children,  
so the LORD has compassion  
for those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows how we were  
made;  
he remembers that we are  
dust.
- 15 As for mortals, their days are  
like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of  
the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and  
it is gone,  
and its place knows it no  
more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of the  
LORD is from everlasting to  
everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to  
children's children,
- 18 to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his  
commandments.
- 19 The LORD has established his  
throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, O you his  
angels,  
you mighty ones who do his  
bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

# A Brief History of the New Utrecht Reformed Church

## Early Dutch Settlement

New Utrecht Reformed Church ( the Old Dutch Reformed Church at New Utrecht) began with Dutch settlers meeting to pray sometime in the 1650's in the town of New Utrecht and was incorporated as a congregation on 1677, the year that marks the official beginnings of the church. The Dutch settlers had their first burial in 1654 which gave birth to the New Utrecht cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Brooklyn.

An octagonal church building was constructed in 1700 next to the cemetery on the corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ballasts from Dutch trade ships were used to build the church.

In 1828 the church was moved to 18<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> street, its present site and reconstructed as a rectangular building in order to hold more people. The same ballasts were used for the second building. Some of the ballasts have visible markings that read "IHS - 1700"

Prior to the church's re-building at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, the site served as a private boy's academy which was visited by George Washington. Excavations in 2003 under the front of the sanctuary revealed the walls of classrooms, Spanish gold coins, a chamber pot and silver utensils. The excavations were conducted by the Archeology department of Brooklyn College and were featured in the New York Times.

## The Role of New Utrecht Church: American Revolutionary War and Civil War

New Utrecht Reformed Church played a significant role in both the American Revolutionary War and the Civil War. The original church building was captured by the British in the Battle of Long Island during the American Revolutionary War and served as a military hospital to hundreds of British and American soldiers. The original rooster weathervane of the church was used as target practice by the soldiers who riddled the weathervane with bullets. Many of the key players during the Battle of Long Island received medical treatment and succumbed to their injuries in the sanctuary of the New Utrecht Church. They are buried in the New Utrecht Church cemetery and include some of the most prominent families in Brooklyn. Among most famous soldiers who succumbed of injuries during that battle was General Woodhull, for whom the Woodhull Hospital and Woodhull section of Brooklyn is named. He is buried at the New Utrecht Reformed Church cemetery and a memorial to him is prominent on the 84<sup>th</sup> Street side of the cemetery near the corner closest to the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

When the English finally evacuated Brooklyn on November 25, 1783, the Betsy Ross flag was then raised for the first time in Brooklyn at the new Utrecht Reformed Church site. The **New Utrecht Liberty Pole Society** has preserved and maintained the Liberty Pole as a historic site. The active flag pole is the sixth in succession from the first in 1783, the sixth and last being installed during World War II.

The **Friends of Historic New Utrecht** was formed in the mid 1990's to preserve the sanctuary and the Parish House as historic sites. Among its initial and key activities has been the development of an impressive educational program for local elementary, middle and high school students and gives presentations and tours to more than a thousand students each year. The Friends of Historic New Utrecht continues its mission today to preserve the historic contribution of the New Utrecht Church and the last vestige of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century life in Brooklyn through the historic remembrance of the Town of New Utrecht.

The New Utrecht Reformed Church organized and sponsored from among its members a regiment of local militia to support the efforts of the Union Army during the Civil War the **New York State Militia, Company H 14<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn Regiment** served the Union Army throughout the Civil War.

Today the **New York State Militia, Company H 14<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn Regiment** lives on as a group of several dozen dedicated volunteers serve as a re-enactment troop emulating and preserving the historic significance of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company H. The group practices its marches and routines weekly and participate almost every weekend in Civil War re-enactments in the tri-state area and as far away as the New England states north and Virginia to the south.

## Dutch Yields to Italian Influence

By the late 1800's, services at the church in Dutch yielded to services in English. An overwhelming emigration of Italian immigrant workers took place over a twenty year period (beginning in 1920) which began to transform the town of New Utrecht into an Italian dominant community. A response to the emigration and the needs of this newly arrived immigrant community, an Italian mission was founded by New Utrecht Church. The first Italian worship was held in 1947. An Italian Pentecostal minister was recruited to serve the congregation. He later became a part of the Reformed Church in America and the Classis of Brooklyn.

The remnant of the Italian mission church, which yielded to English speaking services sometime in the mid 1950's, is what constitutes the leadership of New Utrecht Church today. Italian families with Protestant ties, married Catholic families and these inter-denominational marriages, pre-Vatican II, took place in New Utrecht Church, without the blessing of the Catholic Church. Catholics began worshipping at New Utrecht and raising their children Protestant. However, in an Italian Catholic dominant neighborhood most

of the Protestant children of these Italian Catholic – Protestant families, married Catholic Italians ( now post Vatican II, where such marriages were permitted in the Catholic Church) and these new married couples raised their children Catholic. This practice brought an end to passing on church membership generation to generation. Substantial church growth came to a halt with the raising of Catholic grandchildren in the 1960's – 1990's.

### **Asian Influence at New Utrecht**

In the early 1990's, with the emerging Asian communities planting roots in Bensonhurst, New Utrecht Reformed Church seeded a Chinese community church funded and affiliated with the American Baptist Church and a Korean Church, the Mirral Church (meaning "little seed") founded in 1981.

### **The Chinese Community Church of Bensonhurst**

The Chinese Community Church of Bensonhurst was founded in by the American Baptist Church at the New Utrecht Reformed Church. The Chinese Church enjoyed a great growth in the late 1990's launching services in Mandarin, Cantonese and an English youth service. The church left New Utrecht in the early 2000's after an eleven year relationship. The congregation built a building four blocks away on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave and continues extensive growth. The Chinese are the fastest growing immigrant group in Bensonhurst.

### **The Mirral Church**

For the first few years, under the leadership of Rev. Moses Lee, the Mirral Church was affiliated with the Reformed Church as a mission of the Classis of Brooklyn. With the installation of a young new pastor in the fall of 1994, Rev. Young Min Kim, a Swendenborgian trained and ordained minister, the Mirral Church affiliated with the Swendenborgian Church. It is today one of two Swendenborgian Churches in NYC and it is believed to be the only Korean Swendenborgian Church in the world.

Despite denominational differences, the New Utrecht Church and the Mirral Church celebrate joint communion services including Maundy Thursday, Easter and Christmas Eve services and enjoy informal fellowship and holiday celebrations. Discussions of merging the congregations and sharing ministers occurred in the mid 2000's, but have since faded. A Korean Senior Citizens Center, affiliated with the NYC Korean Senior Citizen Council was encouraged by Rev. Kim and opened in 1998. The senior citizens center flourishes however, feeling pushed out of Bensonhurst by other emerging Asian immigrants, the thriving Korean immigrant community of the 1990's has faded. The church is currently contemplating relocating its ministry to Flushing,. Queens were a larger Korean community is located.

### **Russian Influence at New Utrecht**

By 1995 it was clear that a significant number of newly arrived Russian immigrants, who originally settled in Brighton Beach and Manhattan Beach had migrated to Bensonhurst. Prayers for a Russian speaking pastor were answered one Sunday when a Latvian refugee couple walked into the narthex of the church one day, asking to start a Christian service in Russian. The Reverend Ganady Zavaly, a Baptist minister and seminary professor from Latvia and is bi-lingual spouse, Helen, felt called to seed a Russian speaking congregation. The missionary couple were sponsored by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. After discussions with the local leadership of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church, a Saturday and Sunday evening Russian worshipping community was born. Today, more than 200 people worship each Sunday evening at 5 PM. The church baptized over 300 people in its first ten years of mission and founded satellite missions in Coney Island and in Staten Island.

### **Latin Americans at New Utrecht**

In 2001, after the tragic events of 9/11 and growing intolerance of new immigrants, New Utrecht Church hosted the organizing meetings for what was to become the Bay Parkway Job Center, a place where undocumented and non-English speaking immigrants could go to find day work in the construction industry. The church was instrumental in negotiating the site with the City of New York, helped fund the initial set up of the site, with help from First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. For the next few years, New Utrecht organized local churches to provide bread each morning to the day laborers. These day laborers now constitute a fast growing new immigrant community in Bensonhurst!

### **Current Ministries at New Utrecht Church**

Today New Utrecht hosts a myriad of civic, cultural, youth and immigrant based ministries including: The Mirral Church, The Russian House of Prayer, The Korean Senior Citizens Center, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Friends of Historic New Utrecht, Brooklyn 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment Company H, New York State Militia, The New Utrecht Liberty Pole Association, Boy Scout Troop 20 and Pack 20, New Utrecht Girl Scout Troop, The Inter School Orchestra Band Concert Series, English as a Second Language program.



## **GREETINGS**

**Congratulations and Blessings from the Rev. Ann M. Akers**

**Robert E. Anderson**

**Bay Ridge United Church**

**Rev. Dr. Richard Blake and Family**

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 20**

**Boy Scouts of America, Pack 20**

**Bountiful Blessings from the Burnette Family**

**Canarsie Historical Society**

**Best Wishes from the Cortelyou Family**

**Danish Athletic Club, 735 65<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Karen Dybing and Gary Montesano**

**Robert, Louise and Karen Fabiszak and Family**

**Federation of Italian American Organizations**

**Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Felice**

**Food City Markets, 74-14 Third Avenue**

**Frank and Eddie's Meat Market, 7502 Third Avenue**

**Friends of Historic New Utrecht**

**Frank and Audrey Giannini in Vermont**

**Girl Scouts of NURC send congratulations**

**Greenhouse Café, 7717 Third Avenue**

**Happy 330<sup>th</sup> from the Greenpoint Reformed Church**

## **GREETINGS**

**Congratulations to New Utrecht Reformed Church on your 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Ron and Barbara Giurdanella**

**Frank & Suzanne Lanfranchi Grohowski**

**Praise to you all for all your noble efforts to protect this Brooklyn Landmark –  
All Glory to God! Bruce & Marion Hodgman**

**Congratulations from the Hollenga's in Colorado**

**Best Wishes from Carla Hollenga and Family in Staten Island**

**The James Family in Kansas – Lucille, Kirk, John, Candy, Ben, Kali and Drew**

**Best Wishes from Kiwanis Club of West End Brooklyn**

**Best wishes always from Vikki Lanfranchi Marano**

**330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Greetings from Dario S. Marotta**

**Miraglia Funeral Chapels**

**Congratulations from the Mirral Church**

**Congratulations to New Utrecht on this 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
from the Monahan Family in Colorado  
Janet (Grande) Monahan and Dorothy Grande, 92 years young**

**Neugard Pharmacy, 7323 Third Avenue**

**New Utrecht Liberty Pole Association**

**Oriental Manor Catering Corp.**

**Congratulations and Blessings!  
Love, Don & Tulla Pangburn**

**John & Joann Pepe**

**Happy 330<sup>th</sup> New Utrecht from Lorelei & Evelyn Pepe, Florida**

## **GREETINGS**

**Robert, Beth, Bob, Sue and John Peterson**

**Congratulations on your Anniversary!  
Jack Ryan**

**Congratulations and Blessings!  
Victor Anthony Safay**

**!Con Gran Amor!  
La Comunidad Latina de San Pablo**

**Arthur & Dilia Schack**

**John & Edna Schembri and Family**

**The Shields' Family wishes the NURC at least another 330 years**

**With high hopes and many blessings  
for the next 330 years!**

**Gloria, Terry, Sal and Charlie Troia**

**Congratulations on the 330<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
Michael & Louise Troisi**

**Drs. Angelo & Jennette Volpe**

**Andrew & Laurie Windsor and Family**

**Continue to let your life shine!  
Rev. Clara Woodson**

# IN HONOR

**Bob Buonvino, Mapleton Kiwanis Everyday Hero**  
*Mapleton Kiwanis Club*

**Anna Ferrera**  
*Ines Pellegrino*

**My Friends at New Utrecht**  
*Christine E. W. Hansen*

**Elder Susan M. Hanyen, Vice President of Consistory**  
*Robert E. Anderson*  
*Phyllis Scarmozzino*  
*Michael and Louise Troisi*  
*Dolores Stillman*

**Rose La Marca**  
*Vincent La Marca*

**Rose G. Lood's 70 years of continuous service at New Utrecht**  
*Robert E. Anderson*  
*Phyllis Scarmozzino*  
*Michael and Louise Troisi*  
*Mirral Church*  
*Dolores Stillman*

**Our Sponsor New Utrecht Reformed Church**  
*Boy Scouts of America, Troop 20*

**Our Sponsor New Utrecht Reformed Church**  
*Boy Scouts of America, Pack 20*

**Rev. Bob Peterson**  
*Susan Hanyen*

**Our new grandson, John Joseph Schembri II**  
*John and Edna Schembri*

**Anna Schroeder**  
*Lucille James*

**Lottie Grohowski Stookey**  
*Suzanne Lanfranci Grohowski*

**Rev. Terry Troia**  
*Victor Anthony Safay*  
*Gloria Troia*

**All those who shared my spiritual journey at New Utrecht**  
*Dolores Stillman*

## MEMORIALS

The following people are remembered lovingly by the italicized names.

**Dorothy and Harold Adamson**  
*Richard Adamson*

**William Aitken and Harry Ander**  
*Pam and Gene Ander*

**Mr. and Mrs. Antonucci**  
*Lenny Antonucci*

**Timothy Bates**  
*Claire Richard Everhart*

**R. Dawson Bennett**  
*Susan Hanyen*

**Andre Bernard**  
*Terry Troia*

**Paul Bollmeyer**  
*Lorie and Robert Honor*

**Ronald Bollmeyer**  
*Lorie and Robert Honor*

**Bill Buffa**  
*All State Medical Equipment, Inc.*

**The Cowenhoven Family**  
*Catharine Scarborough*

**Lt. Howard Graves Cropsey (1920-1944)**  
*Joyce Cropsey*

**Barbara Dantone**  
*Consistory and Congregation of New Utrecht Church*

**Dorothy and Arnold Dybing**  
*Karen Dybing and Gary Montesano*  
*Robert Dybing*

## MEMORIALS

**Ann Eberhardt**  
*Janet Eberhardt*

**Frank Eberhardt**  
*Janet Eberhardt*

**Doris Elmendorf**  
*Michelle Paradies*

**Henry W. Erickson**  
*Phyllis and Anthony Berardi*  
*Fran Erickson*

**Rex Everhart**  
*Claire Richard Everhart*

**Anna and Edmond Festa**  
*Eleanor Festa*

**Henry Gerken and Betty Giannini**  
*Frank and Audrey Giannini*

**Ernest Giannini**  
*Rose Lood*

**Mary and Vito Giannini**  
*Rose Lood*

**Marion and Joseph Giannini**  
*Rose Lood*

**Gregory B. Gibson (4 years old)**  
*Ed and Margie Gibson*

**Glenn E. Gibson (40 years old)**  
*Ed and Margie Gibson*

**Ann Graff**  
*Janet Eberhardt*

**Peter Graff**  
*Janet Eberhardt*

# MEMORIALS

James L. Hanyen  
*Susan Hanyen*

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Hesse  
*Rose Lood*

Alice and J.R. Hightower  
*William Hightower*

Albert Hollenga  
*Rita Hollenga*  
Robert E. Anderson  
*Marc and Elena Hollenga*  
Rev. Ann M. Akers

Hulda, Ernst and Elsa Johansson  
*Anna Schroeder*

Anna and Buster Keegan  
*Ann and Edward Pittala*

Thomas Lanfranchi  
*Evelyn Lanfranchi*

Angelina LaMarca  
*Terry Troia*

Charles B. Lood  
*Rose Lood*  
*Phyllis Scarmozzino*

Rev. and Mrs. Martin Paul Luther  
*Rose Lood*

Lorraine Mason  
*Janet Eberhardt*

Calogera & Salvatore Mantione  
*Terry Troia*

Vittoria Messina  
*Evelyn Lanfranchi*

Phyllis Muir  
*Pat Capuano*

## MEMORIALS

**William Nicotra, Sr.**  
*Phyllis and Anthony Berardi*

**Mary and Louis Oppedisano**  
*Dolores Stillman*

**Larry Pepe**  
*John and Joann Pepe*

**Lloyd and Helen Peterson**  
*Robert Peterson*

**Jean and Anthony Pittala**  
*Ann and Edward Pittala*

**Vincent R. Pittala**  
*Ann and Edward Pittala*

**Mabel and Elmer Richard**  
*Claire Richard Everhart*

**Ronald Richard**  
*Claire Richard Everhart*

**Mae and Eugene Ruotolo**  
*Janet and William Tropea*

**Josephine and Henry Safay**  
*Victor Anthony Safay*

**Loved ones of the Safay Family**  
*Victor Anthony Safay*

**Michael James Salerno**  
*Annette Amer*

**Tom Sarro**  
*Consistory and Congregation of New Utrecht Church*  
*Bay Ridge Historical Society*

**Isadore and Frances Schembri**  
*John and Edna Schembri*

**James T. Schroeder & Bertha and George Schroeder**  
*Anna Schroeder*



## MEMORIALS

Kathryn M. Scott  
*Claire Richard Everhart*  
*Dolores Stillman*

David Sherman  
*Debbie Siciargo*

Kenneth W. Shields  
*Mary Shields*

Clark Steigerwalt  
*Claire Richard Everhart*  
*Dolores Stillman*

Robert J. Stillman  
*Dolores Stillman*

Rena and Allyn Stillman  
*Dolores Stillman*

Teresa and Salvatore Troia  
*Terry, Sal and Charlie Troia*

Sal Troia  
*Gloria Troia*  
*Terry, Sal and Charlie Troia*

Catherine S. Van Brunt  
*Rose Lood*

Van Zandt Ellis  
*Susan Hanyen*

Henry and Laura Waldenmyer  
*Evelyn Lanfranchi*

Camille and Eilert Westhassel  
*Rose Lood*

Cora, Gottlieb, Dorothy, Virginia, Marion, Charles and Howard Zeltman  
*Lucille James*

Thanks to Grandma Cora and Grandpa Gottlieb Zeltman for giving us  
our wonderful Moms & Dads and Aunts and Uncles  
*Richard Adamson*

## **330<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Tonight, we recognize two special women, Rose Lood and Rita Hollenga, for their ongoing, long-term leadership and service commitment to New Utrecht Church and to the greater church. In addition to length of days of service, these women have accepted roles requiring full leadership responsibility: Rose for 70 years and Rita for 50 years. God has given them the strength to accomplish much. To God be the glory, always!

## **THE MINISTRIES OF NEW UTRECHT CHURCH**

The ministries, programs and affiliate organizations of the New Utrecht Reformed Church in its 330<sup>th</sup> year of service include:

The Mirral Church  
The Russian House of Prayer  
The Friends of Historic New Utrecht  
The New Utrecht Liberty Pole Association  
The Brooklyn 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment Company H, New York State Militia  
The Inter School Orchestra Band Concert Series  
Boy Scout Troop 20 and Pack 20  
New Utrecht Church Girl Scout Troop  
The Korean Senior Citizen Center  
Jewish Community Center of SI English as a Second Language Program\*

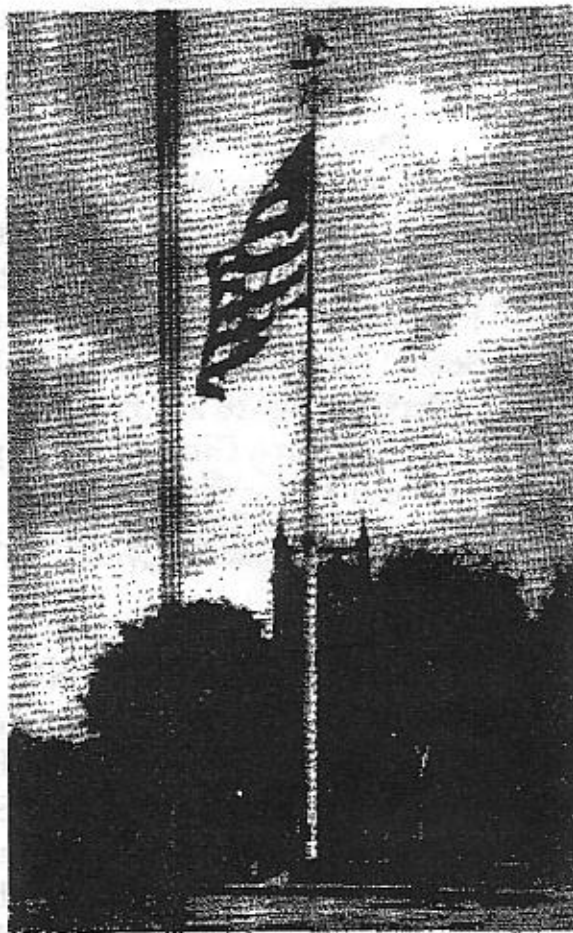
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Celebrating the Evacuation of the British  
after the triumph of the American Revolution



NEW UTRECHT LIBERTY POLE  
Original Pole erected 1783