

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF HISTORIC NEW UTRECHT

SACRED SITES OPEN HOUSE

SPECIAL EXHIBITION AND LECTURE

AT THE

NEW UTRECHT REFORMED CHURCH

*EDITORS:* We invite your coverage Saturday, May 18, 2019 beginning 2:00 p.m. at the New Utrecht Reformed Church and Parish House, 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 84<sup>th</sup> St. in Bensonhurst. Contacts: [mail@historicnewutrecht.org](mailto:mail@historicnewutrecht.org) and 718-256-7173.

Photos Attached: Pictures of the New Utrecht Reformed Church.

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**BROOKLYN:** On Saturday, May 18, the public will have a chance to visit the historic 1828 New Utrecht Reformed Church, recently reopened after a 15-year period of restoration and repairs, and to learn about the building's history at an exhibition and lecture in the Church's Parish House sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht.

The Church, one of Brooklyn's oldest, and the exhibition will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Friends's President, Dave Elligers, will speak at 3:00 p.m. about the history of the Church building and its evolution as the home of the New Utrecht congregation first organized in 1677.

The Saturday events are part of the Sacred Sites Open House, organized annually by the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The theme of this year's Statewide Open House is "Medieval to Modern: Celebrating New York's Religious Art and Architecture."

The 1828 Church and 1892 Parish House are located on the Church's landmarked campus at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Bensonhurst, which also contains the 1783 New Utrecht Liberty Pole. Nearby public transit options include the D train (18<sup>th</sup> Avenue station) and the B8 and B1 bus routes.

The lecture and exhibition are part of a series of historical and cultural events offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the event and other Friends activities or New Utrecht's landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or [mail@historicnewutrecht.org](mailto:mail@historicnewutrecht.org), and to visit [www.historicnewutrecht.org](http://www.historicnewutrecht.org) or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht).

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