Date: December 8, 2022

**Subject: Merry Christmas from the Peapack Church Foundation- We are here to help!**

**Dear Members and Friends of the Peapack Reformed Church,**

This letter brings Christmas wishes from the Peapack Church Foundation. It is not a call for donations. As you already know, Pastor Alex, who came to Peapack from Seminary and has served as our Pastor for the past three years, has accepted a call to a position in his hometown of Holland, Michigan. He will be leaving the Church in January. We are sorry to see him go, but we understand that he and Sara will be returning to their beloved families who all live in the area around Holland, Michigan.

**2023 Support-** This year, as Consistory and the Congregation conduct a pastoral search, we will continue to support church programs with activities that keep the community engaged. We will keep you informed, and in late winter will send another letter to explain the activities planned for 2023.

**2022 Support-** the Foundation supported the Church with the following:

* **Christmas Journey:** Thanks to generous 2021 donations, we provided the money needed by the Church for the 2021 and 2022 Christmas Journeys. We will continue as the primary Journey sponsor, but are looking for new initiatives that will further energize the Christmas season and growth of the Church.
* **Mardi Gras:** We supported the Mardi Gras Event by purchasing tickets that were used to bring people who are not members of the church to the event.
* **Songs and Sweets-** We sponsored the Opening of Fellowship Hall by covering event expenses.
* **Food truck Picnic-** We underwrote the Food Truck Expenses.
* **A Foundation Contribution to a Family in Need**
* **Sound System for Fellowship Hall:** We have set aside $2,000 to begin installation of a sound and video system in Fellowship Hall. This should provide technical capabilities so necessary in today’s connected world.

We join with you and in fellowship with Christ, to make the world a better place. Best wishes during this Holy Christmas Season,

Trustees,

Ronni Armellino-Goodwin, Daina Gulbis, Laura Simpson, Steve Vaccaro, Tim Stewart

**Background**: Our Church has an amazing history going back to 1848. We are in a terrific location and have a beautiful historic place of worship. We are also fortunate to have a Foundation established as an IRS certified 509.a3 charitable foundation inn 1999 to maintain the Edythe DeGaeta memorial Garden and support the Peapack Reformed Church. Our web site is: [peapackchurchfoundation.org](http://www.https//peapackchurchfoundation.org) (enter in your browser).