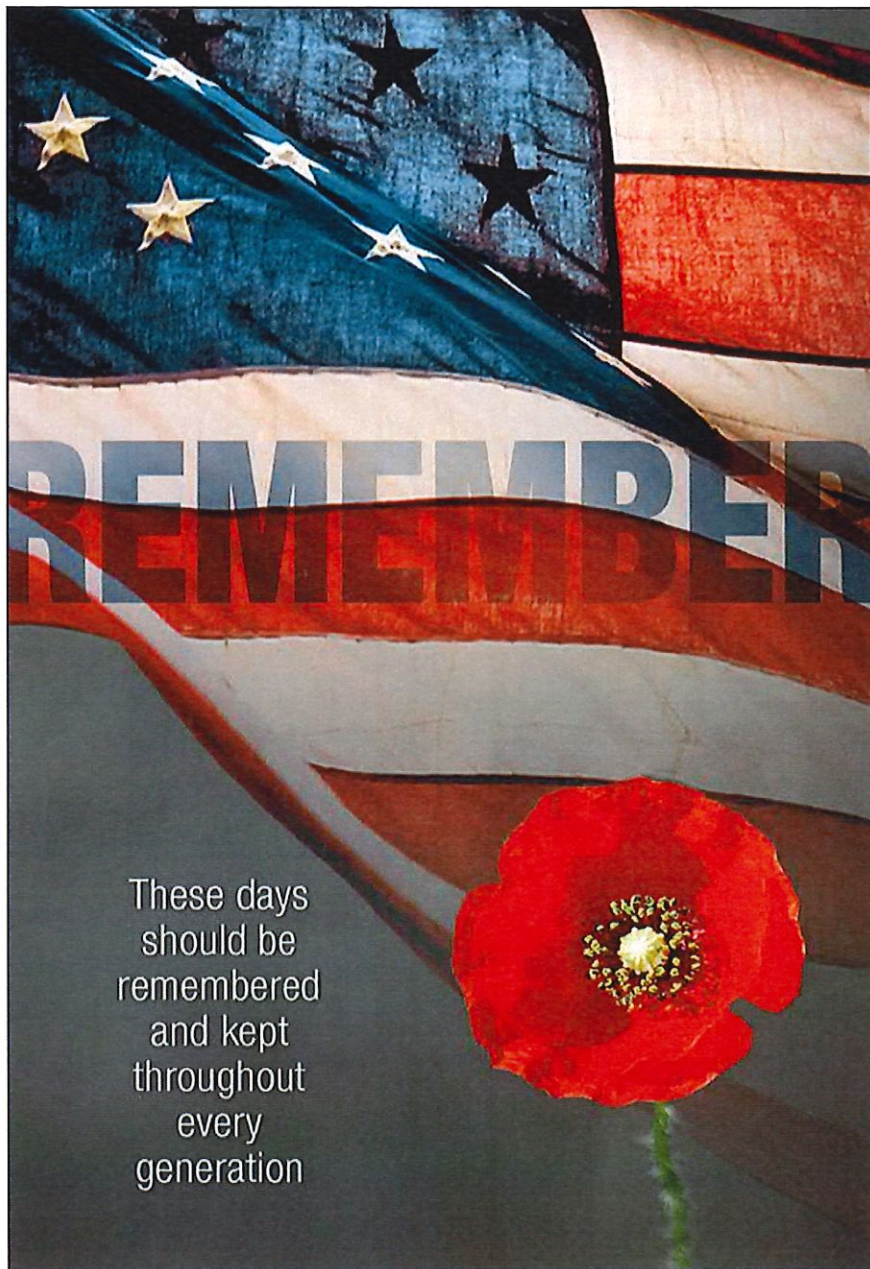


First Reformed Church
May 24, 2020



These days
should be
remembered
and kept
throughout
every
generation

First Reformed Church

May 24, 2020

Pastor Barry's Contact Information

Home Phone: 920-583-6832

Email: pastorbarry@firstreformedwaupun.com

Cell Phone: 920-583-6682 (leave voicemail or text)

Church Contact Information

Office Phone: 920-324-2321

Office Email: office@firstreformedwaupun.com

Website: www.firstreformedwaupun.com

Facebook Page: First Reformed Church Waupun

Our Vision

Seeking God - Nurturing One Another -
Reaching Others for Christ

Our Mission

Our mission as a body of believers is to grow God's Kingdom through spiritual growth, loving and caring fellowship and sharing the hope and joy of God's grace with our community. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Congregational Care and News

Thank You: Thank you to our church family for your expressions of sympathy and most of all for your prayer support in the recent loss of a dear son, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew, and cousin. Your kindness extended to our family was a blessing and a source of strength. We will miss Alex very much, but are content to know that he is with the Lord. Thank you for all your love. George & Liz, Jon, Jen, Cassie, Damien & Tristan, Mike, Christina & Vivian, Steve, Jill & Arabella, Clint, Suzanne, Sarah, Bridget & Ethan.

Consistory Updates:

1. If you are in need of any assistance, please contact Pastor Barry, an Elder, a Deacon or the church office.
2. When will we re-open First Reformed Church?
 - We will continue to worship at a distance on May 24 and May 31
 - We have a Re-Entry Team that is thinking through all of the details. They will make recommendations to Consistory.
 - Consistory will meet on June 2nd and will decide when and how we plan to re-open.
3. If you are interested in seeing the different kinds of measures that are recommended, check out www.rca.org and click on the COVID-19 banner on the top of the page.

Never Forget the Ones that Came Before Us

Facts about guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
in Arlington Cemetery.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknown and why?
21 steps; it all eludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about-face to begin his return walk and why?
21 seconds for the same reason as answer number one.
3. Why are his gloves wet?
His gloves are moistened to prevent him from losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not why not?
He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about-face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed?
Guards are changed every 30 minutes in the summer and every 60 minutes in the winter; 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Tomb is guarded, and has been guarded, every second of every day since 1937.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?
For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After 2 years, the guard is given a wreath pin and that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniforms. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. It takes a Sentinel an average of 8 hours to prepare his uniform for the next work day.