

CELEBRATING YOUR EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HERITAGE

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society's Heritage Sunday is being celebrated for the first time on June 13, 2021. This date was chosen because it is close to the June 26, 1934 anniversary of the merger of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America. The following tips below can help you plan a celebration for your congregation.

TIPS FOR CELEBRATING YOUR EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HERITAGE

Heritage Banner

Design a “heritage banner” that incorporates images and symbols of your congregation’s past and its hopes for the future.

Historical Minutes

Write a series of historical minutes to present during worship services throughout the year. They can be about events or people in the life of the church.

Cemetery Tour

Organize a cemetery tour to learn about some of the founding families of your church.

Newsletter & Bulletin

Use the church newsletter or bulletin to commemorate the anniversary of significant events in the church’s past.

Church Events

Ask members for pictures from past church events. Use these to create a slide show, display, or narrated video.

Heritage Hymn

Consult with your church musician or choir leader on the choice of a “heritage hymn” or anthem for your congregation. Or, based on the history of your congregation, draft new lyrics for use with a favorite hymn.

Oral History

Record oral history interviews with long-time members of your congregation. Transcribe selected interviews and make a booklet of memories to distribute. This may be a project your youth group would enjoy as it draws the generations together.

Pew Rental

Host an auction to “rent” your pews. Renting pews was a common practice for raising money in American churches before the modern system of pledging. You could designate the money raised for a special cause.

Consult ERHS

Consult with the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society on creating a church archives or to donate your valuable records.

