

New Hackensack Reformed Church
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Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn, Senior Pastor

December 2023 and January 2024



Letter From the Pastor

Dear New Hackensack Reformed Church family,

Our beautiful Advent/Christmas season is filled this year with many opportunities to connect with one another, and with God. The theme for this year is very appropriate for the times, "**Watch for the Light**". Our four Sundays of advent conclude with our beautiful Christmas Eve services on December 24th. This year, the 24th is the fourth Sunday of advent. We will have one service in the morning, (10:00 a.m.) and two Christmas Eve services. We offer our Family Friendly Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m. Then we follow with our 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.

Our special Christmas offering this year will go to the Church World Service Emergency Response Fund supporting Humanitarian Assistance in Gaza and Israel. Please use the Christmas envelopes available in your church envelope box, or use the special offering envelopes available in the church pews.

Below is a listing of our worship schedule and opportunities for Advent/Christmas celebrations for 2023. I do hope you can join us either on line or in person to celebrate the greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.

Please note that our **Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar** will happen this **Saturday December 2, 2023**.

And so, on behalf of the staff and the consistory, I offer my Christmas wishes to each of you, as we all "Watch for the Light" and welcome the new born King, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Pastor - New Hackensack Reformed Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2023

~ SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ~ 10:00 A.M.

(ALL SERVICES ON LINE AND IN PERSON)

Facebook ~ YouTube ~ NHRC website <http://nhrc-church.org/index.html>



Advent ~ ~ "Watch for the Light"



December 2: PIGGY BANK BAZAAR -- Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12 noon

December 3: ADVENT I -- CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-5

Luke 21: 25-28; 36

"From Advent Darkness to Advent Light"

December 9: Saturday 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

(remembering loved ones who have passed away)

December 10: ADVENT II

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-12

"Preparing for the Light"

December 17: ADVENT III

Scripture: John 1: 6-8; 19-28

"Witness to the Light"

December 24: ADVENT IV

Scripture: John 1: 1-14

"The Light Produces Good Works"

December 24: Evening Worship -- CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service – Scripture and Candlelight

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols – "Candle Light Service"

December 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE – Worship 10:00 a.m.



Time to Order Christmas Poinsettias!!

At this time of year filled with hope and love, we remember or honor loved ones or special events. Every year we are blessed to enjoy the beauty of these commemorations by filling the Sanctuary with poinsettias.

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone or a special event, please complete the form below along with a check in the amount of \$9.00 made payable to:

New Hackensack Reformed Church

memoed: poinsettia

Forms and payment may be mailed to:
New Hackensack Reformed Church

Attn: Poinsettia

1580 Route 376

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

~ Or may be placed in the offering plate~

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Eve 8:00pm service

In Memory or Honor of(please circle one)

Given by _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Will take after 8:00pm service 12/24 ___ Yes ___ No

Come Help Decorate the Sanctuary!



Come help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas **Tue. Dec. 5, 5:30pm.** Pizza following at 6:30pm.

A Message from Miss Tina



Hello Friends of Jesus!

It's that time of year again when we anticipate, prepare and wait for the birth of baby Jesus. It's a story we've all heard a bunch of times, one that we know very well, and if it were our favorite movie, we would know all the lines by heart.

God WANTS us to know it all by heart. He WANTS us to be excited about the birth of our Savior! He gave us a gift and he can't wait for us to open it!

As we go through the holidays of December and into the New Year of January, don't lose the excitement of what you've been given. Don't let it be the toy that gets forgotten, the jewelry that's never worn, or the special thing you wanted that no longer gets used. **STAY EXCITED FOR JESUS!!!!** Trust me, no matter what time of day, month or year it is, Jesus is excited about YOU!

Happy Holidays and many blessings to each of you.

Sincerely,

Miss Tina

Interim Christian Ed Director

Hand Made Ornaments



The youth group has made homemade ornaments which are displayed on our gathering area Christmas Tree. The congregation is encouraged to purchase these special ornaments for their own tree. The money raised will be donated to Samaritan's purse. \$10.00 per ornament.

Sunday School, Children and Worship, & Nursery Care



Nursery Care for children under 3,
is available at morning Worship services throughout the holidays.

The Children and Worship program is available for ages 3 to 2nd grade.

Children should be dropped off at room 9, at 10 am or before.
Parents may stay if they wish or go to the 10 am Worship service.
This program will also continue throughout the holidays.

Sunday School

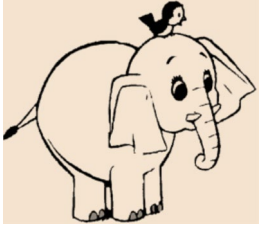
Youth (grades 3-8) are dismissed during Worship to attend Sunday School in the library.
No Sunday school on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



If you would like to share flowers on a Sunday, please call Franca Petrillo or the church office. Franca will help you pick a Sunday and provide instructions. Your dedication will be shared in the morning announcements.

New Hackensack Nursery School



MOTTO:

*"We encourage, nurture, and teach...
they explore, learn and flourish!"*

Dear New Hackensack Reformed Church Family, We are celebrating such a wonderful time of the year and hope that you are all experiencing the joy of this season. T

The children enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast as they gathered with their school friends. We sang, shared stories about the first Thanksgiving, and ate delicious snacks. We also talked about all that we are grateful for and how we can share what we have with others. We donated and collected items for Liberty Station, a well-loved organization of the church.

We are busy preparing for the holidays, and the children are working hard as they practice to learn the songs that will be performed at our Holiday concerts. These concerts will take place in the Sanctuary on Monday, December 18, at 9:30 and Tuesday, December 19, at 9:30. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Regards,

Abby Garcia

on behalf of New Hackensack Nursery School

PIGGY BANK BAZAAR

Greetings from Kermit!

I'm REALLY happy to tell you that it's finally time for

The 47th ANNUAL PIGGY BANK BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH



All children are invited to this wonderful, exciting time, where they can shop for their Christmas gifts for family and friends. This year we have a really big inventory of very nice gifts, all priced at \$3.00 or less. Children should bring their money and shopping list with them. There will be guides (many from local Girl Scout troops) to assist the children with gift selection and at the cashiers, and to help with the FREE gift wrapping. Older children can shop by themselves. Parents may also assist young children with shopping and then help with the free gift wrapping. Your children, the children of your friends, your family, and your social media acquaintances will all have a WONDERFUL TIME!! I've noticed that adult humans also have fun, watching all the happy children!!

The Bazaar will be in the back rooms of the Education Center. Gift tables will feature gifts for children, women, men, and pets, personalized items, flower arrangements, and Christmas themed gifts. Our photographers will be available to take photos and have them inserted into ornament frames. Cashiers will be in the center hall, and FREE gift wrapping will be in the Youth Room. In Fellowship Hall parents will be able to wait for their children, with free coffee, tea, and COOKIES!. There will be COOKIES for the youngsters, too, when they've finished shopping. The Bazaar will be open from 12:00 Noon until 12:30 p.m. for adults who want to shop. Entrance will be next to Fellowship Hall, along the main driveway.

If the Bazaar is canceled on December 2nd, the snow date is Sunday, December 3rd, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Information about cancellations will be on the church's answering machine (845-462-0810.)

PIGGY BANK NEEDS HELP to make everything run smoothly, and we'd love to have YOU join in on the preparations and festivities!

On Friday morning, December 1st starting at 9:00 a.m., we'll SET UP the gifts on the Gift Tables, arrange tables in Fellowship Hall and in the gift wrapping room, distribute the gift wrapping materials to the tables, and set up signs. We need MANY VOLUNTEERS for this.

WE STILL NEED MORE PEOPLE on the BIG DAY to staff the Gift Tables, assisting the young humans with their selections. At 12:30 p.m. the unsold gifts will have to be packed up, and yet another group of volunteers will be needed to help clean up after the Bazaar. Cleaning up involves packing the gift wrapping and gifts, moving tables, sweeping floors, collecting the trash, and moving the boxes into the basement for storage. These are all ways YOU CAN BE PART OF IT!! "Many hands make light work!"

This year, Piggy Bank Bazaar has distributed \$4800.00, benefiting the church's property fund, the New Hackensack Nursery School, the Kitchen fund, and repairing the concrete basement steps. The Bazaar will be making even more donations in the coming year!! Part of this has been made possible by YOUR donations of craft supplies, gifts to sell, and gift wrapping. A Great Big Froggy Thank You to all who've contributed, and to all of you who have made the Bazaar such a joy to run!!

Wednesday Morning Workshops will not meet again until February, to give the helpers there some vacation time.

You've heard enough from this little frog. Before I leave, I'd like to thank Mrs. Ray, my nice human friend who's let me be part of this wonderful adventure for more years than frogs can count. After this Bazaar, she'll be part of the Wednesday Morning Workshop folks. When you see her, please give her a big smile and a Great Big Froggy Thank You!! Also, please join in giving Tammy Bender a Great Big Froggy Thank You, too – she'll be our new chairman as we prepare for the 48th Bazaar in 2024! Be on the lookout for cute craft ideas for next year!

Yours in Love,
Kermit



Farewell, our dear Froggy Friend, Kermit. As your friends read this, the shock is registering on their faces that you are retiring. You have been diligently motivating the Congregation for, do you believe it, 39 years to support the Piggy Bank Bazaar. Your words have encouraged your readers to rally and assist us by volunteering, and sending in utterly fabulous donations. You have done your job with utmost care, and we have always appreciated your humorous ways. We know your pal, Joe Allen, mentored you and we thank him.

*Yours in love,
The Piggy Bankers*

Congregational Life

Soup Collection



Now that the cold weather is here, it is time to think about hot soup! We will be collecting canned soup from **Sunday, Jan 7 - Sunday, Feb 4 for our Souper Bowl**. The soups will be donated to Zion, St. Mary's, and Liberty Station. Watch for those Can-Can sales!

Card Sale Results and Thank You

Thanks to all for supporting our Handmade Card Sale. We sold \$860 worth of cards! That is a nice sum to add to our Kitchen Fund! And now think of all the happy people who will receive a card in the mail wishing them Happy Birthday or Get Well instead of a text or email. Or a handwritten note inside a card that says Thinking of You. Don't let them just sit in the drawer. Spread the joy!

Property

Free Fluorescent Bulbs



The Property Committee is giving away new 48" fluorescent bulbs. Contact John Licari at 914-204-7278 if interested in any amount.

Scrap Metal Program Closed until March 2024

The scrap metal program is closed until March. This allows the volunteers to have a year-end winter break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Thank you Very Much!

To the 32 participants in the Annual Property Clean-Up
on November 11, 2023

David Grammerstorf
Jack Adams
Abby Garcia
Justin Lomas
Luke Lomas
Sherry Seney
Bernie Roe
Donna and Fred Freck
Heather and Matt Bosko
George Popp
Brian Croswell
Tom Gander
Jim Kerkes

Jeff Wright
Anthony, Angela, and Arwen Foppiano
Tina Brent
Pat Meaney
Don Vinchkoski
Charles and C.J. Hershman, Jerry Carey
Jeff Miedowski
Karen Jakobsen
Mary Jo Mann
John Beale
Jim Ray
Roger Eddy
John Licari



Results

Congregation Life Council Ships Ahoy Pasta Collection & Regency Food Drive Collection

The Congregational Life Council sponsored its annual Ships Ahoy pasta/sauce collection in the month of October. The results were as follows:

Pasta – 113 boxes Sauce – 40 jars Cheese – 8 jars
Macaroni & Cheese – 101 boxes Pasta Roni – 4 boxes Rice a Roni – 2 boxes

The collection benefited two Wappinger Falls Food pantries -- Zion Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Saint Mary's Food Pantry. This collection was merged with the food items collected in the Regency drive, and was delivered on November 6. Many thanks to all who contributed to this drive.

The Regency at Wappinger Food Drive

The Regency at Wappinger Homeowners Association also sponsored a food drive to benefit Liberty Station, Zion Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Saint Mary's Food Pantry.

Thank you to the all the Regency residents who contributed to the drive and to Jeff and Liz Miedowski who organized the drive and brought the donations to church.

Thanks also goes to the following people who helped sort the donations and loaded up vehicles for delivery to the various destinations.

Jerry Carey Barbara Duane Anna Edel Joan Heller Karen
Jakobsen Jeff Miedowski Carolyn McLaughlin Arra Mowry Fred Schomann

Thank you to the people who delivered the food items to the Food Pantries and Liberty Station on November 6.

Barbara Duane and Sherry Seney - Zion Episcopal Food Pantry Joan Heller and
Arra Mowry - St. Mary's Food Pantry Jerry Carey and Fred Schomann
- Liberty Station

THANK YOU ALL !!!!!



Outreach December News

Budget: All funds are supplied via pledge donations or through special offering collections

Benevolence: \$3,000

\$1,500 - \$750 each distributed to our Missionaries,

Josh Bode (Iman) and The Fields (Columbia)

\$1,500 - Donation to the Rural & Migrant Ministry for the Annual Rural Women's Assembly Scholarship. This allows a number of women to attend this assembly who would otherwise not be able to afford to go

2023 Mission of the Month:

January - Hope on a Mission \$445.00

February - The Lunch Box 430.00

March - RCA Global Mission Services \$886.00

April - Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls - \$846.00

May - Dutchess Outreach - Acts of Kindness - \$467.00

June - Community Action Partnership - \$ 340.00

July - New Brunswick Seminary - \$345.00

August - Hudson Valley Hospice - \$ 475.00

September - Grace Smith House - \$390.00

October - ALS Foundation - \$472.00

November - Food Bank of the Hudson Valley -

December - Church World Service - Humanitarian Relief for Israel and Gaza

Easter Special Offering - Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls - \$2,484.00

Thanksgiving Special Offering - Food Bank of the Hudson Valley -

Christmas Special Offering - Church World Service - Humanitarian Relief for Israel and Gaza

Clothing Bin - As of October over \$1,035 has been received for Property Committee Reserve

Special Offering for Wappingers Falls Fire Victims: \$1,500

\$1,088 was all from YOU, the congregation with a great many thanks. Outreach has decided that they would add an additional \$412 to round the total gift to \$1,500.

This funding will be given to the family of a single mother and her two young children who were the ones injured. The 8 year old had 3rd degree burns over 51% of his little body, the 12 year old had 3rd degree burns over 20% of his body and the Mom had 3rd degree burns over 12% of her body. They all started their skin grafting so hopefully they will be released from Westchester Medical Hospital at Valhalla. We arranged this donation through the Principal at James Evans Elementary School.

Liberty Station – Housing for Homeless Veterans

Thanks to the congregation, we were able to make deliveries of food, personal and hygiene essentials. Also, many have donated funds which were put in a separate line item for them specifically. We will be delivering \$800 in Stop and Shop Gift Cards in December at our next delivery. These gift cards are used by a couple of the veterans who LOVE to cook big Sunday dinners, Summer BBQs, News Years Eve parties and Superbowl Parties. They purchase all the necessary groceries for these happy get togethers.

U.S. Military Veteran Honor/Memorial Board

The Board was completed to date and presented on November 12 during Coffee Hour. One change has to be made and a few others would like to add their name. We will be updating the board as soon as we get those names and then we will have the Board hung in the Gathering Area. From that point, the Board will be updated on a quarterly basis. For those who wish to add a name to the board, PLEASE let Joan Heller (joandheller@yahoo.com) or Arra Mowry (psalm46amm@optonline.net) know ASAP.

Food Collection:

The beginning of November, Jeff and Liz Miedowski organized a neighborhood food drive in the Regency. The amount of food collected was phenomenal. We had a pick-up truck load of food delivered to Liberty Station; 2 carloads of food went to Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls and 1.5 carloads of food were delivered to St. Mary's Food Pantry in Wappingers Falls. Special Thanks go out to Jerry Carey, Barbara Duane, Anna Edel, Joan Heller, Karen Jakobsen, Arra Mowry, and Fred Schomann for all their help with sorting and delivering. A Special Thank You to Jeff and Liz Miedowski for organizing the food drive that helped three food pantries fill up their shelves.



RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

Support the annual Christmas Store of Rural & Migrant Ministry and Daughters of Sarah

The Donation of Christmas Toys

Each year the Daughters of Sarah put together a simple toy store for rural and farmworking families to be able to purchase toys and clothes for their children at a greatly discounted price. This enables the parents to live in the dignity of being able to purchase a gift. In turn, the proceeds help to cover the cost of a Holiday Celebration meal for the families and support the Daughters of Sarah as they take an annual educational retreat.

Gifts must be new and unwrapped; please leave the original price tag, if any on.

Wish List

Sports Equipment: (Basketball & soccer items preferred) Dolls, Books, board games toys, clothes, (socks, earmuffs, hats, gloves), crafts

Donate toys for elementary, middle & high school children

Toys, characters & books that embrace and celebrate the cultural beauty and diversity of our community are preferred

Toys may be brought to NHRC by **December 10th** and left in the bins located in the Gathering Area or by the Donation Station in the Education wing.

Or

Get in touch with Sarah at Rural & Migrant Ministry

rmmsarahr@gmail.com 845 485-8627

For unto us
a child
is born,
to us
a son is given

**Wishing you Joy and Peace this Christmas,
as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!**