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**Summer
2018
Church News**

Dear Members and Friends of New Hackensack,

The end of another School year is approaching and with it comes thoughts of vacations/family gatherings/swimming/summer picnics and many other outdoor activities. Our country and our world is going through challenging times right now. I know that for many of our church family, this summer will be different than previous summers. Many of us long for yester – year. We yearn for the good old days when life was so predictable. Many people I speak with are choosing not to watch the nightly news anymore. The response from some is, “It’s too upsetting!” In the hallway that leads from fellowship hall to our beautiful sanctuary is a banner which reads: “May you walk closely to God! We may not know what the future holds... but we do know who holds the future.” Yes, this is a reminder that God holds our future – not our government, not our nightly news, not the chaos of our world – But God holds the future.

This is why I believe it is so important to come to church on Sunday mornings, and worship God. In church we find peace, we find hope and love, and in church we find grace for today and tomorrow. As we end another school year and turn our sights on summer and all the activities that summer brings, please remember the church, God’s House, is always calling us to a place where there is a ‘peace which passes all understanding’. Our summer worship schedule is on the following page. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings to you and your family,

Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am Worship
Children's Place

June 3

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Communion celebrated
Last 8:30 am service
Final Sunday School classes during worship

June 10

Children's Sunday
Family picnic follows service

June 17

Father's Day

June 24

Preacher: Rev. Tamlyn
Labyrinth Sunday
Graduation Sunday

July 1

Communion celebrated
Preacher: Rev. Tamlyn

July 8

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Donald Heringa

July 15

Preacher: Rev. Amy Nyland, Executive Pastor Regional Synod of New York

July 22

Preacher: Rev. Tamlyn

July 29

Preacher: Rev. Tamlyn

August 5

Communion celebrated
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Donald Heringa

August 12

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Geehan – Retired Pastor from Poughkeepsie Reformed Church
and former Chaplain at West Point Academy

August 19

Rev. Tamlyn

August 26

Rev. Tamlyn



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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... Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!
Matthew 25:21

As our **2017-2018 Sunday School** year winds down, I would like to express my thanks to our ever faithful, dedicated teachers who each week teach of God's great love for us and plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of our children. We are blessed to have this wonderful group of volunteers who make a difference in the lives of our kids and know that the Lord touches others through us.

+Confirmation Sunday was held on May 6th with 3 of our NHRC Youth being confirmed. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are so proud of them! God's blessings as they continue on their faith journeys!

+June 3rd - Last day of regular Sunday School classes.

+June 10th - Children's Sunday at 10:00 a.m. followed by our **Family Picnic**.

+Please pick up a current issue of the **"Parenting Christian Kids"** Newsletter.

It is available at the Gathering Area desk or the desk in the Ed Center. There are many wonderful articles for things to do and talk about with your children concerning the world today and keeping our faith strong. Also advice on current technology with movie, games and video reviews.

+Urgently Needed! – Volunteers for **Children's Summer Place** which starts on **June 17th** and runs through Sept. 2nd. Please consider being one of **God's Helper's** and sign up for one or two Sundays this summer. Everything is set up for you (video, craft, snack, playground time). It's a great way to give back to our church and be with a great bunch of kids! Sign-up sheet at the Gathering Area desk. Any questions? Please see me or email me.

Our **VBS** program will not take this summer and instead a shortened version will be planned for early winter. We'll be back strong in 2019!

In His Service,

Kris Rice

Christian Education Director



*They will answer, " Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and minister to You?" Then He will answer them, "Truly, truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:39-40*

One of the many "behind the scenes" ministries that takes place at NHRC is the Shepherd Program. Simply explained, the congregation of NHRC is divided into 15 geographical areas, each overseen by a shepherd leader. The shepherd leader facilitates Christian caring between the members of the shepherd area, bringing us closer as members of God's family, offering a helping hand to members in need and facilitating ongoing communication between the church and our families. Caring may include, making a call to welcome a new member, cards when someone is recuperating, visiting when a new baby arrives (always a favorite), arranging meals when a member is ill, or visiting a homebound member.

We are currently in need of members to act as Shepherd Leaders in a few shepherd areas. Would you take some time to prayerfully consider whether this ministry might be where you could put your caring talents into practice? Please note: You do not need to live in a particular shepherd area to act as its shepherd leader. Thank you for taking the time to consider this wonderful ministry. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sue Kimmerle at 845-337-4536.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

School is not even out, and whaaat? we are talking about welcoming you back with our annual Pancake breakfast.

Please mark your calendars: **Sunday, Sept 16 after the 10am service.**
Bring your smile and your appetite!

Also, be watching for our newest fundraiser, Panera Day!

Sometime this fall, we will be sponsoring a very easy fundraiser to help with our Kitchen Fund. A date is set with Panera, we give you a flyer, you go to Panera and make a purchase, hand in the flyer, and they give our committee 20% of all the purchases made with those flyers!



Hudson River Housing: The 2018 sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area on the Info Table.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED . We have meals and servers through June. In July someone is making the meal but we will need servers...

There is a change in the time that the guests will arrive. They will now be arriving at 7:15pm which means the volunteers need to start arrive at the Shelter around 6:30pm. Updated instructions for the volunteers will be available at the info table.

Liberty Station (Hudson River Housing): There has been some staff changes made at Liberty Station. All housed Veterans now have small refrigerators and microwaves in their rooms. Requested food donations are meals in a can IE: Beefaroni, Spaghettios, Chili, Stew etc. At this time they are not in need of cereal and pasta. Also, due to limited storage space they temporarily are not accepting clothing. They are still in need of personal hygiene products.

*****As you know last November the government decreased the amount of funding they would give to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Liberty Station was exceptionally hit hard. They use to get \$500,000 per year to provide the shelter and case management work for the homeless veterans. At that time there were 5 staff members. The staff was informed that they had exactly 3 weeks before they all would lose their jobs and the future of Liberty Station was in danger of closing. Hudson River Housing stepped up and said they would, using their budget to continue to pay for 3 staff members so 2 people lost their jobs. HRH then did a full court press to get grants and corporate and private sector donations to get the needed \$500K to keep Liberty Station open.

Meanwhile, Liberty Station continued business as usual with hopes the funding could be raised. It's been 6 months now and the funding could not be found. As of last week, the rest of the staff, except for 1, was dismissed.

One staff member is left to handle the processing of new homeless veterans, among all the other jobs needed to keep Liberty open. At this time, there is NO one available to help maintain the food for these veterans. When we deliver the food, we take it directly to the closet to store it away. We are the only ones delivering food donations and sadly, the donations have been coming in to NHRC extremely slow. In a months time we only manage to fill a couple boxes of donated food.

It is in my opinion that with all the other issues that Liberty Station is having due to lack of sufficient funding, if the food donations slide anymore, Liberty will have no option but to shut it's doors thus sending the 30 single veterans living at the Liberty Station buildings and the over 200 veterans who have families (which include over 35 children) living in Hudson River Housing, back out on the streets. Outreach is deeply saddened by this and we want to try to promote this problem and get as much food donations as possible in our church.

Blood Drive: The next blood drive is June 26, 2018

RCWM, SISTERS IN CHRIST

Birthday Dessert 2018 was a huge success. The musical entertainment was awesome and has been hired for Birthday Dessert 2019. The young lady dancers were a beautiful added touch to the entertainment and with God's help, they will be available for the 2019 Birthday Dessert.

Pat Chism is now the Chair of RCWM, Sisters in Christ.

Trish Parent is now the Chair of Birthday Dessert, Arra Mowry and the committee will be assisting.

Birthday Dessert 2019 will be the 60th anniversary. Trish has plans to make it a SPECTACULAR event with ideas to increase the number of Table Hostesses.

Sue Kimmerle and Arra Mowry will coordinate the Ladies Night Out program. The June Ladies Night Out will be our annual Luau at NHRC on Wednesday, June 20th. All those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share and don your festive Polynesian attire. Sign-up sheet is available at the info table
Cheryl Erikson will continue organizing the off campus Book Club

DC SPCA: A complete listing of the supplies and food that The DCSPCA is in great need of is available in the Gathering Area

Baby Blanket and Cap Program: Baby blankets continue to be made and will be delivered to Orange County Regional Medical Center. Many thanks to the ladies knitting/crocheting the blankets and caps

April Mission of the Month: Rural and Migrant 132.00
2018 Easter Special Offering: Rural and Migrant \$2,712.00



Ladies Night Out Luau!



Aloha! Join us on June 20th at 6:30pm on the grounds of New Hackensack Reformed Church for our annual torch lit, tropical pot luck gathering! Bring a finger food to share, don your hula skirt and bring a friend....you don't want to miss this very fun evening! Rain or shine...we'll move indoors if weather is too tropical! Sign up in the Gathering Area or contact Arra Mowry with questions. See you there!



To My NHRC Family,
Thank you all so much for such an amazing outpouring of love and prayers, beautiful cards, offers of food and rides. It has been so uplifting and I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful, loving church family surrounding me. With two surgeries behind me, I will continue chemo through the summer and go from there!

Love and Blessings,
Kris Rice



RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY...

This year RMM will celebrate 29 years of providing a special week of fun and opportunities for youth ages 8 to 17 to learn and grow. This summer's theme for all RMM programs across the state is **RESISTANCE**. Professional artists work with the young people through the arts – music, visual art, dance and theatre - to create and develop their talents. Swimming, soccer matches, hikes in the woods and ‘just being’ make RMM’s Overnight Camp a special summer ‘home’ for many of the campers. This year we look forward to welcoming many new campers from across New York State... Besides the Youth Arts Group here in the Hudson Valley; there will be more from Sullivan County where the Youth Economic Group has their Basement Bag business; and we have a new group, Justice Organization of Youth, gaining momentum at our Western New York Center, Liturgia, in Lyons, New York. RMM's newest Center is located in Riverhead, LI and last year was a first experience for a few youth; we look forward to welcoming a few more this year.

Each year campers and staff enjoy a day out of camp. This summer plans are underway for a trip to New York City where they will visit the United Nations and other interesting sites. On the way back to camp on **AUGUST 15th, THEY WILL ALL BE COMING TO DINNER** when New Hackensack Reformed Church will again have the opportunity to host them. Dinner at NHRC has become almost as important a tradition for the campers as their annual scavenger hunt crafted by Executive Director, Richard Witt, and special camp songs without which camp just wouldn't be the same!

HELP NEEDED for RMM CAMP DINNER... WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th...

- **15 Cooks** to make large pan of ziti – Pans will be available with the recipe in Gathering Area. These can be made ahead of time and frozen either at your home or at the church.
 - **Donations** of funds to purchase veggies/dressing or fruit. If you wish to donate the item, just let us know by checking off on the list what you can help with.
 - **Help** the 15th to arrange the baking of the ziti that has been prepared ahead of time, **servers, clean up crew**
- When you take a pan, please sign your name on the sheet so we can keep track of who has them or contact Joan Kavanagh-Secor, 485-2784, joanpaul26@aol.com or Jane Konitz, 297-5864, c.konitz@verizon.net
(Please note: pans and sign-up sheets will be available beginning later in June)

FROM RMM'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

The pressure upon the children and youth in our programs and their families is tremendous during these tumultuous times. Children are spending time and energy doing things I believe they should not be doing: worrying about the disappearance of their parents and about their own safety. Our children are looking around them and they are seeing people being detained and deported; they are seeing families being torn apart. They are going to school wondering what they will come home to, and for many, while they are at school, they are facing increased bullying...so much in their lives is in jeopardy but yet they persevere and continue to HOPE!

Your thoughts, prayers and gifts are an affirmation that we are going to create and live in a country that recognizes and respects the humanity of children.

*Note: If this looks all too familiar, you probably read it last year in our Summer News...Sadly things have not improved in the lives of our families and if anything, are more frightening and real...There are churches in our area caring for children whose parents have been deported and the children left behind...Please remember these children and those caring for them in your prayers.

CHALLENGES OF RURAL CHILDREN...

- Per capita Income for rural families lags behind NYS residents by 35%
- 14% of Wayne County residents have not completed High School
- 18% of Sullivan County residents lack health insurance
- 6.9 million Americans (15.8%) living in rural areas live in poverty.

RMM MEETING THOSE CHALLENGES...

- For over 25 years, RMM's Overnight Leadership and Day Camps have educated and Empowered over 3000 children
- Every year over 200 children and youth attend our Summer Programs
- RMM Experiential Internship Program has trained over 250 Interns
- Over 95% of the graduates of RMM's Youth Empowerment Programs graduate from High School and go on to College.

As the political climate seeks to build walls – suppressing the dreams and opportunities of these children, as well as harming their families, we are grateful for your support and prayers – together YOU help us create a better, safer and more hopeful world for all of us.

On behalf of the Staff and the Board of Rural & Migrant Ministry, I offer you, the New Hackensack Reformed Church family, our heartfelt thanks for your generous Easter and Lenten offerings... \$2,592 and \$785.00 was raised through "Coins for Campers" for t-shirts!

Jane Konitz, RMM Board Secretary
Volunteer for RMM Special Projects

SCHOOL KITS NEEDED...

Once again this year we will be collecting school supplies in kits to give to all the children when they leave camp in August. Our goal is to have 200 or more kits so that all the children and youth that participate in our programs this summer will receive one.

Kits for **Elementary School Children** should include: 4 composition books (no spiral notebooks); 1 pkg. of notebook paper; 4 sturdy 2 pocket folders; 1 box of primary color Crayola markers; 1- 24 count - box of Crayola crayons; a soft pencil envelope (no hard plastic ones) that fit in a binder with 1 pkg. of 12 #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand), an eraser and pencil sharpener, a non-flexible plain ruler, 3-6 ball point pens, 2 glue sticks, a pair of school scissors (reversible for lefties, if possible) and a small package of construction paper.

Kits for **7th thru 12th Graders** should include: 6 spiral notebooks, 6-8 sturdy 2 pocket folders; 2 pkgs. of notebook paper; a soft pencil envelope (no hard plastic) that fit into a binder with 1 pkg. of 12 #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand), a pencil sharpener and an eraser; a pkg. (12) good quality ball point pens; 2 yellow highlighters; and a non-flexible ruler.

Please put all the materials into a large zip lock plastic bag. Collection boxes will be located in the Ed Center and the Gathering Area until August 12th. Watch for *Back to School Sales!*

EXTRA LISTS for SCHOOL KITS are available at the Information Center.

SUMMER at CAMP WARWICK...

ALL IN... Act Justly, Walk Humbly, Love Mercy- Micah 6:8

At camp campers will learn that our Christian Faith is not something we say, it requires ACTION! God teaches us how to live out our daily lives with the Word of God. We can all become people of ACTION by going **ALL IN**, so we have a desire to serve the Lord faithfully each and every day. It is the hope of the camp staff that all campers will walk away from Camp Warwick desiring to serve Him faithfully with their lives.

There are camps for children and youth from grade 2 thru high school... pick up a Camp Warwick brochure at the Gathering Area Information Center and see what exciting things are happening this summer.

A week at Christian Summer Camp is more valuable in growing your children's faith than a whole year of Sunday School! This is not say that children/youth do not need to worship and take part in the learning provided in their faith communities, but a whole week of faith building offers participants opportunities to grow and become active in their churches and communities.

~ The following are the results from the Congregational meeting earlier in the year ~

Congregation's Interest Questionnaire

66 Participants

Ideas and thoughts

1: Yes, this is important	2: Somewhat important	3: Not important for 2018	4: No response	
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
New Sound System for the sanctuary:	35	22	6	3
Fresh Paint/New Lighting in Sunday school wing:	10	27	19	10
New and enlarged kitchen:	9	19	31	7
Increase Outreach & Missions (giving to others):	15	24	15	12
Increase Cash Reserves:	25	27	8	6

Staff person needed

Parish Health Minister (part-time):	22	23	15	6
Associate Pastor (part-time):	17	23	16	10

All churches need to fund raise. Thoughts for future fund raising ideas:

1. Lunch or Dinner at Outback
2. Sell 50/50 tickets
3. Garage/tag sale
4. Panera Bread
5. Metal collection – Advertise for free in the Southern Dutchess News
6. Dinner for public
7. Chicken BBQ
8. Penny social
9. Craft fair
10. Convert rear of parking lot to ice skating rink and charge money
11. Parking & Shuttle service for New Hamburg Metro North Station
12. Talent show
13. Spaghetti dinners
14. Musical fundraiser
15. Inspirational giving

Comments and Concerns

1. Air conditioning for the sanctuary (3)
2. Associate Pastor “Intern” (2)
3. Kitchen plan should be for 2019
4. Explain each need as it arises, better communication with the congregation
5. Congregation is aging therefore, a Parish Health Minister is needed
6. Enrollment continues to drop every year; Pastor can handle Parish Health Minister & Associate Pastor responsibilities
7. Increasing cash reserves is important
8. Revamp Sunday School to bring new families in
9. Consistory that actually comes to events!
10. Parish Health Minister (part-time) – NO!
11. Associate Pastor (part-time) - Youth Ministry and Faith Formation (2)
12. Elevator to the loft