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FEBRUARY CHURCH NEWS, 2017

THE PASTOR'S PEN...



Dear Members and Friends of NHRC,

We all know that change is a part of life. Change, whether we like it or not, is always happening - in our world, in our country - in our state - in our churches, and in our families. Our church is going through changes right now. Our Custodian, Arra Mowry is retiring the end of January. (We have a celebration cake planned for her this Sunday, January 29.) I do hope you can join us. Our Parish Health Nurse, Mary Lou Grott, has retired as of December 31, 2017. Retirements are a great transition for one's life. We wish Arra and Mary Lou the Best. However, it does mean there will be changes in our church.

Now, I believe that change has always been a part of our lives. However, with modern technology, i phones, internet, and even twitter, we get bombarded with so many different ideas/news/happenings/events. Too much drama in life I feel is unhealthy. Take a break from politics, the news, the internet. Read a chapter of an engaging book before you go to bed. I hope you also stay connected to God through prayer, meditation, study, and attending worship. This I believe is one of the great anecdotes to dealing with the many changes in our lives. The Month of February is filled with great worship services. I do hope you plan to join us.

Note: Please sign up for Mary Lou's Grott's luncheon scheduled for February 12 (snow date the 26th).

I look forward to seeing you in worship,

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

February 2017 Worship Schedule and Highlights

Worship 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

February

- 5 **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-24
Sermon: "Confessing, Conquering, Forgiving, Reconciling"
- 12 **Retirement Celebration and Luncheon** in honor of Mary Lou Grott, our Parish Heath Nurse
Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16
Sermon: "Double the Dose"
- 19 **Baptism**
Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37
Sermon: "Making Connections"
- 26 **Transfiguration Sunday** (Snow date for Retirement Celebration)
Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9
Sermon: "Get Up and Don't Be Afraid"

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION... Kris Rice, Christian Education Director

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Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

♥ Attending Sunday School each week at New Hackensack is a very important part of our children's faith journey. From 3 years old through Youth Group, our teachers nurture and guide them on their spiritual walk as they learn about God's great love for them. Connecting to God through Bible verses and stories, and the teachings of Jesus, and where applications to everyday life are made, help our children grow in their understanding of God's word. It's such a joy to spread the Good News!

♥ The final number of Shoeboxes from our Sunday School Advent mission, "Operation Christmas Child" was 56. A big thank you to all who gave to this wonderful mission bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to boys and girls worldwide.

♥ Please have your child "Bring a Friend" to Sunday School and both will receive a prize from Miss Kris' treasure chest! It's great to meet new children and be able to share God's love with them.

♥ Summer may seem so very far away, but it's never too early to start thinking of the fun and adventure at Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory" - Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Many volunteers are needed to make the week a faith-filled exciting time. The dates are Aug. 7th -11th. More information to come in the months ahead.

♥ There will be no Sunday School classes on Feb. 19th (President's weekend). Children's Place will be held for 3-9 year olds.

In His Service,

Kris Rice

Christian Education Director

Congregational Life Council...



☼ **Easter** will be here before you know it and that means our **Alps Chocolate fundraiser** will be back!_ Watch for notices near the end of February.

☼ **The "Souper" Bowl** is in full swing!_ We'll be collecting all kinds of canned soups until Feb. 5th. We will then send them to a local food pantry.

☼ **Our Parish Health Nurse**, Mary Lou Grott, has retired as of December 31, 2016. She has ministered to and served us





faithfully for 15 years. In her honor a luncheon and program will take place after church on Sunday, February 12 (snow date of February 26) in Fellowship Hall. There will not be a charge for the luncheon, but **we request that you sign up in the Gathering Area** so that we can prepare enough food.

Outreach...

● **Hudson River Housing:** The 2017 sign-up sheet is now available in the Gathering Area on the Info Table.

● **Missions of the Month for 2017:**

- January: Dutchess Interfaith Council
- February: The Lunch Box
- March: Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls
- April: ALS Foundation
- May: Grace Smith House
- June: Western and New Brunswick Seminaries
- July: Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County
- August: Dutchess Outreach
- September: Church World Service - Disaster Relief Fund
- October: Hospice of Dutchess County
- November: Food Bank of the Hudson Valley
- December: TBD

● **Liberty Station (Hudson River Housing):** Food donations are desperately needed. Their favorite food is canned meals such as Chili, Stew, Beefaroni among other canned meat meals.

There are 2 new plastic bins for the collection of food for Liberty Station. There are signs on both of them. One bin is located in the Gathering Area next to the doors leading to the Choir Room, and the other one is located on the wall next to the Church Office.

● **Blood Drive:** The Next Blood Drive is January 31, 2017 from 1pm - 7pm. Sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk.

● **DCSPCA:** There is some controversy regarding the idea that the DCSPCA is a no kill shelter and there are reports that they indeed euthanize animals. This is disturbing to many folks to the point they will not support them anymore. With talking to board members, there are animals that are considered "not adoptable" for reasons of aggression, illness etc. There are still hundreds of animals they are sheltering that need our love and support. So with that said, they still need old blankets and towels and bedding items to keep the furbabies warm. They always are in need of cat, dog, kitten and puppy food. If you would like to make a monetary donation, simply make out a check and mail it to the DCSPCA or leave it with Hazel. The money donated goes towards medical costs as well as any needed supplies to help with our furbabies.

Kris Rice purchased a new large bin for the regular collection of SPCA donations. It is located against the wall next to the stairs leading to Keith's office.

● **Vassar Brothers Medical Center Bereavement Program:** Arra has been trying very hard with numerous calls to VBMC for them to pick up the boxes of completed kits. The week we have been advised that the program appears to have been closed. Outreach currently have 4 boxes of lovely crochet baby blankets and caps. If anyone has any ideas as to who could use these wonderful gifts that are handmade by members of NHRC, please let Arra Mowry

know.

●**2017 Easter Special Offering:** ALS Foundation (Lou Gehrigs Disease)

●**RCWM:**

Birthday Dessert will be May 3, 2017. Hopefully we can fill this church again with women from all over. We will be inviting women from First Reformed Church of Fishkill, Hopewell and Poughkeepsie Reformed Churches and offer the women to host a table.



Girls' Night Out Wednesday, February 15th - L'Express Restaurant, 1820 New Hackensack Rd., Wappingers Falls. You are invited to join us as we re-connect after the holidays, and enjoy delicious culinary delights. You may access the menu at lexpresshv.com. Separate checks will be provided. Hope to see you there! Please sign up by Feb. 12th at the desk in the Gathering Area.



●**RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY TOY STORE...**For more than 35 years, Rural & Migrant Ministry and The Daughters of Sarah, a rural women's support group, have provided a

holiday dinner and Christmas Gift Store for rural families whose holidays would otherwise not be as happy or, for some, even possible. This opportunity to purchase gifts empowers parents to feel that sense of joy that comes with having the perfect gift for their children. Funds raised are used by The Daughters of Sarah to provide a special retreat week-end for the women of these families - a time away to be special just for them.

THANK YOU TO ALL who filled our toy boxes this year. I can report that a wonderful evening was enjoyed by almost 100 folks from infants to 80+ year olds on December 10th. Dinner was, as always, delicious and the enthusiasm and excitement reflected the joy and blessings of the season. Again this year, Ruth was able to set up shop on Monday afternoon at her church located in the center of Marlboro for those unable to be with us on Saturday. By day's end all the gifts were gone making this holiday season special for many children who otherwise might not have had a Christmas.

On behalf of the RMM Staff and Board and all those whose holiday season will be just a little brighter this year, Thank You for filling our toy boxes with your gifts of love.

- Jane Konitz, RMM Board Secretary and
Volunteer Coordinator of Special Projects

LOOKING AHEAD to 2017 at RMM...The Staff has just returned from a three day planning retreat and there will be much to share over the coming months about the work of RMM staff. Your financial support - both personal and through the church outreach committee throughout the year - helps RMM live into its mission providing support for our Advocacy, Education and Youth Empowerment programs. Through the generosity of many the resources needed to develop our educational programs across the state helps those who participate learn about themselves and how they can make a significant difference in their communities.

This year we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our Youth Empowerment Program - YAG Youth Arts Group. The Youth Economic Group (YEG) in Sullivan County continues to work on developing their Basement Bag cooperative. This past fall they planned and hosted their third Youth Entrepreneur Symposium in conjunction with Sullivan County Community College. Farmworkers and rural youth in western New York are learning new leadership skills at RMM's Worker Education Center in Lyons and ESL classes are offered at an area church with an early childhood program offered for the children while their parents and older siblings study. A new youth group (JOY) is being nurtured under the leadership of one of our YAG graduates, Gabriela Quintanilla. RMM's Summer Leadership Institutes, Day Camps, and Overnight Leadership Camp offer opportunities to young people who are marginalized in their schools and communities to live into their dreams. The youth produced, award winning documentary, DREAMers Among US has enjoyed wide acclaim and is being used by the New York State Teacher's Union as a training resource for their teacher conferences across the state throughout the year. And, there much excitement about the new Worker Education Center that will be developed during the coming year in Riverhead LI.

In December, the 11th Annual Rural Women's Conference was held in Binghamton, NY. This conference

brings together rural women, farmworker women, allies and youth from across the state to share their experiences and learn together. The addition of an Assistant Coordinator to the staff of the RWC will enable new Women's Groups to grow in each area of RMM's ministry thus providing learning and growing year round.

Your support and prayers have blessed the ministry throughout the past 35 plus years...Thank You!

PIGGY BANK BAZAAR NEWS...

We will begin planning for the 2017 Piggy Bank Bazaar at our **ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING** that will be held on **Wednesday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. in room 15.** Come hear a report of last year's very successful bazaar, and help us to develop plans for the 2017 bazaar. At this meeting we will appropriate our profit into specific donations. Last year we made donations of \$3,482.22. The donations were given to the Youth Group, the Church Property Fund, the Mommy Connection, 5 kindle fire tablets and a projector for the Sunday School.

It makes us happy to tell you how well the 2016 bazaar did. We counted 311 children shopping, and it was exciting to see so many children shopping and all those in the building having fun. We want to thank all the people who helped with the bazaar on the bazaar days and during the year. A big thank you goes to the Girl Scout Troops for their participation as guides. At the bazaar we sold 3462 gifts and the total income was \$7,148.45. Our expenses were \$3,075.95. The Youth Group was successful with their bake sale which grossed them \$438.55.

Wednesday morning workshops will begin again on February 8. This meeting is our annual cleaning of **PIGGY'S CUPBOARD.** All our craft supplies need to be reorganized. Regular crafty workshops will be held on Feb. 15 and 22. All workshops start at 9:30 a.m. and go until 11:30 a.m. At the meetings we do simple crafts so no special skill is necessary. Generally, we have several different crafts being worked on during the meeting so it is easy to find a project that matches your interest. Children are welcome.

Frequently snow affects our winter meetings. So remember, if the Wappinger's schools are closed or even delayed, there will be no meeting.

Help Needed: Several people who would like to create Take-Home Kits. These kits will be available to the congregation on Mother's Day, May 14. Each kit needs a sample of the craft, supplies to make more of that item, and the written directions. Designers of kits usually do most of the work at home. Most of the supplies can be obtained from our Piggy Cupboard, on line craft supply sites, or the local stores. Please call Carol Ray (297-4830) and volunteer.

After we clean the Cupboard we should have room for the following supplies that would help us. Plastic storage boxes and tubs, beads, jewelry making supplies, scissors, dowel sticks, new nails, screws, washers, pompoms, jingle bells, new ornaments, Christmas stockings, mugs, containers for candy, ribbon, fabric, fleece fabric, polyester stuffing and batting, yarn, craft paints, scrap book paper and supplies, new pencils and pens, stickers, yard sticks, rhinestones, silk flowers, floral foam, vases, basket grass, Christmas gift wrapping paper, Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, for wrapping the gifts at the bazaar, and other miscellaneous craft supplies. We also use department store handled bags or grocery bags with handles at the bazaar. If you have supplies for us, they can be left in Room 15.



We want to thank Joe Allen for writing Kermit's perspective of the bazaar during 2016. Kermit is on sabbatical this month, but he'll be back.

Friends of NHRC,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls following my surgery in September. Especially thanks to Pastor Keith and Mary Lou Grott, RN for support and encouragement thru this past year. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church.

Love and peace, Joan Palmateer

Thank you to all who made the casseroles for Christmas Dinner for the Gail Webster Overnight Shelter. We fed 45 guests that night and they all raved about their meal. God bless you for making their Christmas special. Our church had the honor of serving at the shelter on the 4th Sunday of each month, with often upward to 80 guests, many hands share the labor and costs.

Thank you! Happy New Year! Sherry Seney

THANK YOU...As I continue to recover from my fall nearly 6 weeks ago now, I am so grateful to all of you, my church family, for your many beautiful cards, notes and prayers. I am so lucky to have so many caring folks in my life; and I am happy to be back in the swing of most of my many activities.

- Jane Konitz

FEBRUARY, 2017

1, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Piggy Bank Workshop
Yoga Class
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
6:45 p.m. Beginners Bible Study

2, Thursday

6:00 p.m. The Mommy Connection
6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

3, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

5, Sunday

Communion

8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
Junior High

6, Monday

6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers
6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love...Dance
7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

7, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
6:00 p.m. Outreach Council
7:00 p.m. Councils/Committees

8, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Piggy Bank Workshop
Yoga Class
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
6:45 p.m. Beginners Bible Study

9, Thursday

6:45 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

10, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

3:00 p.m. March News Deadline

12, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
Junior High

11:00 a.m. Parish Health Retirement Party

13, Monday

6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers

6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

14, Tuesday

Happy Valentine's Day

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Council

Property Committee

RCWM Book Club @ Panera's

15, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Piggy Bank Workshop

Yoga Class

11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

6:30 p.m. RCWM Ladies' Dinner Out

6:45 p.m. Beginners Bible Study

16, Thursday

6:45 p.m. Youth Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

17, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

19, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School

Junior High

20, Monday

Office Closed/Presidents' Day

6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers

6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

21, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

7:00 p.m. Nursery School Board Meeting

22, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Piggy Bank Workshop

Yoga Class

11:00 a.m. Chair yoga

6:45 p.m. Beginners Bible Study

23, Thursday

6:45 p.m. Youth Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

24, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

26, Sunday

Transfiguration Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School



Junior High

7:30 p.m. Dutchess Homeless Shelter

27, Monday

6:00 p.m. Klokken Ringers

6:30 p.m. Faith, Hope, Love...Dance

7:30 p.m. Campanola Ringers

28, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

March 1, Wednesday **Ash Wednesday**