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SUMMER CHURCH NEWS, 2017

(July, August)



FROM THE PASTOR...

Addendum to summer newsletter...

We have been very busy this summer with many activities. First, as we all know, change is a constant. After 25 years, our Church Administrative assistant, Hazel Gregson has retired. We will be celebrating her ministry here at New Hackensack on Sunday, October 1st. Please call the church for more information. A letter will go out to all who live out of town, and notices of this upcoming event will be listed in our church bulletin. The Consistory has hired a new Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Whalen. This has been a very smooth transition.

About three weeks ago, the parsonage was hit by a lightning strike. All is fine in the house, however, the strike took out two Televisions, and took out the entire internet connections for the church and the parsonage. It has taken a full three weeks to get up and running again. The office is scheduled for a new computer to be installed. My thanks to two gracious and hard working Elders for this work on both the telephones, and the computers/internet.

Hence, the September news will not be out till the middle of the month. Below, I have outlined the Schedule for the first three Sundays in September. I hope that everyone had a relaxing and restful summer, as we look forward to a wonderful fall with many opportunities to connect to God and to one another at NHRC.

September Schedule - 2017

September 3 – One service 10:00 a.m. Communion Celebrated
Scripture: Galatians 1: 11-24
Message: “Break Through Your Boundaries”

September 10: Two services 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Begins at 10:00 a.m.
Scripture: “Mathew 21: 23-32
Message: “On The Edge with Jesus”

September 17 To Be Announced

**Everyone is invited to our Welcome Back Breakfast
after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

... End of addendum.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...Kris Rice, Christian Education Director
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"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John
13:34-35

+**Children's Sunday on June 18th**, was a great day where our children did a wonderful job presenting and singing some of the lessons they learned during the Sunday School year. The smiles on their faces put smiles on our faces! It is a joy to watch them learn and grow on their faith walk with our teachers watering the seeds of God's love in their hearts by sharing and inspiring them with God's word.

+**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of August 7th -11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This year our theme is *"Maker Fun Factory" Created by God, Built for a Purpose*. Children 4 years old (going into Kindergarten in the fall) through 5th grade will experience great Bible stories, terrific songs, crafts, and games during a wonderful, fun, faith-filled week.

VBS Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area or on the big desk in the Ed Center. On-line registration will be available on our website.

Many Volunteers are needed in order for Vacation Bible School to happen from Crew Leaders and assistants to behind the scenes help. It's a great week filled with excitement and enthusiasm! The rewards are tremendous! Sign-up in the Gathering Area or see me with any questions. (12 years old and up)

+ **Volunteers needed for "Children's Summer Place"** which through September 3rd. Please consider being one of God's Helper's and sign-up for a Sunday this summer. Everything is set up for you (video, craft or game, snacks and playground). It's a great way to help in church and be with a great bunch of kids! Sign-up sheet at the Gathering Area desk (some August dates need to be filled in).

+**Is the Holy Spirit Calling You?** We are in need of a teacher for the 7th and 8th grade class this fall. I need another person for a team so that you will teach twice a month. Please prayerfully consider being a part of a wonderful group of teachers and children!

+**The July issue** of the "Parenting Christian Kids" Newsletter is available at the Gathering Area desk or the desk in the Ed Center. There are many good articles and information items in helping bring up children in today's world.

In His Service,
Kris Rice

Christian Education Director

Congregational Life Council

SAVE THE DATE... Our **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** will be on Sunday, September 17th after the 10:00 a.m. service. Hope to see you there!!

Outreach Council...

Hudson River Housing: The 2017 sign-up sheet is now available in the Gathering Area on the Info Table. We are covered only through May. We need sign ups. More casserole pans will be placed in the gathering area for volunteers to replenish for the homeless shelter. The shelter is now averaging 60+ guests each night. If anyone is interested in volunteering but cannot afford to purchase the whole meal, please see Arra Mowry.

Missions of the Month:

January:	Dutchess Interfaith Council	\$160.00	
February:	The Lunch Box		240.00
March:	Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls	620.00	
April:	ALS Foundation		1,017.00
May:	Grace Smith House		215.00
June:	Western and New Brunswick Seminaries	145.00	
July:	Habitat of Dutchess County		
August:	Dutchess Outreach		
	September:	Church World Service	
	October:	Hospice of Dutchess	
	November:	Food Bank of the Hudson Valley	
	December:	TBD	



Liberty Station (Hudson River Housing): The food donations are coming in slowly now. They are still in great need of food donations. Liberty Station does NOT provide meals to the veteran residents living at Liberty Station. They depend on food donations.



DC SPCA: They continue to be in need of cat and dog food both canned and dry.

2017 Easter Special Offering:	The ALS Foundation	\$3,000.00
2017 Thanksgiving Special Offering:	The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley	
2017 Christmas Eve Special Offering:	TBD	

Outreach Bulletin Board: Please take a look at the updated bulletin board. Amy Martin asked if she could change the background of it and I said sure. She did a beautiful job.

Wappingers Falls Building Fire: As you knew, the Village of Wappingers had a tragic fire in one of their old

historic buildings. The fire started in the 2nd building of the 5 building row that are connected. The first 2 buildings were damaged severely but the first two floors are stable and the buildings may be able to be saved. The other buildings suffered smoke and water damage but should be OK. They have hired a specialized Civil War Era Building engineer. The last 2 buildings are OK and only suffered smoke damage. The fire was believed to be electrical.

(8 adults and 22 children) have not yet found new residency in the Village of Wappingers but once they do they will be in great need of everything.

If you are interested in donating towards a gift card for these families, you can make out a check to NHRC and Memo: Wappingers Fire Fund. Arra Mowry will apply all monies to the purchasing of gift cards that will 100% be given to these homeless families.

If you want to use your credit card, you can donate directly on the GOFUNDME page
<https://www.gofundme.com/help-victims-of-village-fire>

Outreach purchased \$200 in Visa gift cards and the Deacon's Fund donated \$800 for additional Target gift cards.

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

This year RMM will celebrate 28 years of providing a special week of fun and opportunities for youth ages 8 to 17 to learn and grow. Professional artists work with the young people through the arts to create and develop their talents through art, music, dance and theatre. 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 but already there are some young people interested.

This year Dutchess County Fair has had to discontinue its special program enjoyed by hundreds of children from rural & inner city programs due to financial constraints. After much searching and securing a special grant, we are happy that our campers will enjoy a day at the Norwalk Aquarium including a show in their IMAX theatre; plus a visit to an historic site in Tarrytown on their way back to dinner on August 23rd when New Hackensack Reformed Church will have the opportunity to host them for dinner before they return to camp. 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!

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 #2pencils (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 16th. Watch for Back to School Sales!

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

HELP NEEDED for RMM CAMP DINNER...WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th...

- **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 23rd 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

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.

The full text of Richard's letter can be read on the Outreach bulletin board or a hard copy can be picked up at the Information Center in the Gathering Area.

WOMEN of the CHURCH are invited to attend the up-coming *RURAL WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY* to be held December 8 - 10 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. Wherever women gather and share their stories, God is at work creating new visions, new opportunities and new friendships. The speakers and workshop leaders are impressive, and we offer full day care for those who have no one to care for their children while they are away.

The cost of this week-end is \$250.00 for a two night stay and 5 meals included. For many rural/ farmworker women scholarships are important. If you are unable to attend, a holiday gift (in any amount) in honor of someone you know could be a blessing that will help another woman's dream come true. If you would like to know more, don't hesitate to contact Jane Konitz, 297-5864 (home) or 485-8627 (RMM Office).

Church Family,

My family appreciated all that you did for us for Bernie's memorial. The meal and hospitality was like being with family. The service was just perfect. For me, it was great to be once again in my church with my church family and close friends. I hope you all know how important you were to Bernie and I all those years you were our church home. We were both truly blessed.

Thank you so much,
Hellen (Rullman) and family

July, August, 2017

JULY

2, Sunday **Communion**
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Heringa
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday
School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's
Summer Place
4, Tuesday **Office**
Closed/Independence Day
6, Thursday
6:00 p.m. The Mommy Connection
7, Friday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
9, Sunday
Guest Preacher; Rev. Gail Burger
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Summer Place
11, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise
14, Friday
10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise



16, Sunday

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Summer Place

18, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

21, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

23, Sunday

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Summer Place
7:30 p.m. Dutchess Homeless Shelter

25, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

28, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

30, Sunday

Guest Preacher: Elder Pat Meaney
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Summer Place

AUGUST

1, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

3, Thursday

6:00 p.m. The Mommy Connection

4, Friday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise

6, Sunday

Communion

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Children's Summer Place

7 - 12th Vacation Bible School

8, Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise