

NHRC Newsletter

New Hackensack Reformed Church
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April 2026

Worship Schedule

~ SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP / CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ~ 10:00 A.M. ~

(ALL SERVICES ONLINE AND IN PERSON)

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

April 2nd: MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7PM

Rev. Duncan Nichol

Assisting: Roger Eddy

April 3rd: GOOD FRIDAY – 7PM

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Pam Kara, Liz Miedowski, Arra Mowry, Joan Heller

April 5th:  EASTER & COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Liz Miedowski

April 12th:

Rev. Duncan Nichol

Assisting: Arra Mowry

April 19th:

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Jerry Carey

April 26th:

Rev. Aaron Schulte

Assisting: Janet Bass

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A Message From Miss Tina

As we move into the month of April, our hearts are full of the "Alleluia" of Easter. The Resurrection is not just a historical event we celebrate once a year, but a living reality that transforms how we see the world. In the wake of the empty tomb, we are reminded that hope is never lost and that life – abundant and eternal – is God's final word. It's a time to be more Christlike in this Easter season, meaning moving from celebration to imitation. We are called to meet our neighbors with intentional kindness, and a servant's heart. To be Christlike is to prioritize the vulnerable, offer forgiveness where it is difficult, and practice radical hospitality that excludes no one.



Let's challenge ourselves this April to let our actions speak as loudly as our hymns, becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and reflecting his transformative ways in all we do.

Blessings to all of you,
Miss Tina
Interim Christian Ed Director



Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship

We will need flower sign-ups for May 17th, 24th, and 31st and into June. 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.

Consistory Update

Consistory was unanimous in its support to request Classis to present Reverend Keith W. Tamlyn with the honor of Pastor Emeritus in recognition of his faithful service and lasting contributions to our congregation.





Property Updates



The Property committee has been very busy making preparations for two significant projects that you will see taking place starting this April.

The roof area encompassing the entire sanctuary, and the entire wing from the Gathering area to the main kitchen is in need of new shingles. There are actual signs of leaks in places. After reviewing contractor bids, we selected the company that provided excellent work on portions of the parsonage roof last year. They also had the lower cost estimate. The work is anticipated to start the week after

Easter, weather permitting. The \$126,000 cost of this project will be taken from the property reserve fund.

The other project you will see after the roof work is repairs to the three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. As you know these windows consist of several hundred stained-glass panes that were saved from the old church and reinstalled in the current sanctuary as it was built. The thin wood that holds the panes in place has weathered badly, with considerable loose & missing areas of putty, and peeling paint. We have engaged a firm that specializes in maintenance and repair of stained-glass windows to scrape, putty, prime and paint all of the exterior wood. Finally, a clear vinyl sheet will be installed over the windows for weather protection. This project is planned to take place after the roof work is complete, and is priced at \$43,000, also from the property reserve.

Notes from the Pastoral Search Committee

Your search committee has worked diligently in preparing and positioning ourselves to attract the best candidates possible. **We have reached out not only through the Reformed Church denomination but through our partner denominations which include the Presbyterian Church, The UCC, and the Ecumenical Lutherans as well as non-denominational sources. We have also reached out to the major seminaries for them to post on their “job boards” for graduates.**



Up to this point, several resumes and pastoral profiles have been received as well as several letters of inquiry. While early results have not been very promising, we believe there is someone out there whom God will call for us. There are a great many churches looking for either part- or full-time ministers and we have learned that this process will be more like a marathon than a sprint. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

David Grammerstorf - Search Committee Chair



New Hackensack Nursery School

MOTTO: "We encourage, nurture, and teach ...they explore, learn, and flourish"

Dear New Hackensack Reformed Church Family,

We have been busy! We have been busy celebrating. **We celebrated Valentines' Day as we shared treats and exchanged valentines. To commemorate Dr. Seuss' birthday, we wore silly socks and mismatched clothes.** The children enjoyed learning about him and having his books read to them. The 4's enjoyed the writing of different authors, like Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, and Mo Willems and a trip to the East Fishkill Library during Book/Library Week. We also roared with the dinosaurs during Dinosaur Week.

The teachers assessed the children and prepared for parent/teacher conferences. During these conferences, the teachers provide parents with invaluable information, encouragement, and validation for all that they do. **Our New Hackensack Nursery School staff is PHENOMENAL!!**

Online registration is open for the September 2026 school year. The 2's "Me & My Peanut" program is thriving. Both sessions offered are full. This program is a wonderful feeder program for the 3's, and families take advantage of it so that their children can become familiar with our school and its routines before they join us in the fall. Mrs. Louise Dunnigan does an exceptional job leading this program.

Spring is a time of renewed hope and promise, and my wish is that you will experience and embrace it.

Enjoy your days,
Abby Garcia
for New Hackensack Nursery School

Piggy Bank Bazaar

As winter is retreating and the last of the snow mounds are melting, they are revealing the many "treasures" the snowplows have left behind. Spring Songbirds have arrived at the bird feeder, and I caught a glimpse of a chipmunk too. The crocus and tulips have poked their heads up with the anticipation of presenting us with colorful blooms. Other sites and sounds of spring this year are new roofs going on, gutters being rehung, and a few drafty old windows getting replaced. It's time to store what's left of the snow poles that have so diligently lined the whereabouts of the driveway and take a trip out to the tool shed to swap out the snow shovels and the snow rake for the spring tools. Happy Spring!





The Wednesday Morning Workshop Members welcomed some new budding artists and experienced crafters who have joined us in creating out-of-the-ordinary handmade crafts inspired by your donated items.

Wow! Super! Terrific! **A Great Big Piggy Bank Thank You goes out for the MANY gift donations we have received in the last month.** They are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! Thank you, Thank you.

The Workshop meetings for April will be on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. There will be no meeting on April 1st due to the schools off for Spring Break.

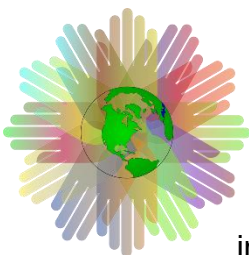
We meet in the Education Center, rooms 13 and 15 at 9:30am to 11:30am. (Just a weather reminder, if the Wappingers' Schools are closed or on a delay, there will be no meeting for us.)

A few crafting Cupboard items to restock are: FLOWERS, we needed silk flowers of all sizes and colors, (Christmas reds, whites, holly and other greenery), also floral foam, floral tape, basket grass, small jewelry boxes with lids, tacky glue, hot glue sticks (mini & standard sizes), acrylic craft paints: colors; white, black, shades of reds, greens, blues, golds, and browns, small pointed detailed paint brushes, fleece fabric, polyester fiber fill stuffing, pompoms, jingle bells, thimbles, ribbon, and macramé cord. Donations of small gifts are greatly appreciated too. All donations can be left in room 15. Thank you.

Piggy Bank Bazaar Day is Saturday, December 5th, 2026!

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop

Outreach Council April 2026 News



Food Closet: Many thanks to everyone donating food last month. We certainly appreciate it as does the local Food Pantries. **Any kind of non-perishable food will be happily accepted. There are lists at the Information Table for both Liberty Station (Housing of homeless Veterans) and local food pantries. Once a month we deliver to a food pantry. We rotate so all the local pantries are included.** Anything donated exclusively for Liberty Station will indeed be delivered to the Vets.

Senior Meal Volunteers: The new 2026 Volunteer Sign-up sheet is now available on the Info Table in the Gathering Area. **April through August is available and October through December is equally available.** Please feel free to select a date and prepare whatever meal you would like. There are no dietary restrictions so any menu you would like to make is ALWAYS appreciated by these seniors. **Most live exclusively on food stamps (SNAP) which has been tremendously decreased. Irene Moody drafted and mailed a beautiful letter inviting 16 local churches to join in with preparing a nice meal for these wonderful seniors.** They are so appreciative for these meals.



Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will once again be here at New Hackensack to provide a blood drive on **April 7th from 1pm until 6pm.**

Clothing Bin: \$1,147.54 has been received through February.

Ladies Lunch Gathering: **The next Ladies Gathering will be April 22nd, 12 noon at Red Line Diner.** Please contact Arra Mowry if you would like to attend. All are welcome. If you have any friends, senior neighbors who you feel would like to join us, please invite them and let Arra know.

Rural & Migrant Ministry: RMM continues to offer support to all our migrants who maintain work visas issues by the USA. Food deliveries are made to the families who are no longer able to get to the markets due to the arrests made by CBP Agents. In home classroom lessons are equally being handled for children who are unable to attend school.

New Hackensack Reformed Church Missionaries:

Josh Bode is our Missionary in Oman – In a Muslim Majority nation, God calls Christians to bear witness to peace and reconciliation in Christ. Josh Bode and his wife Erica, serves the Protestant Church of Oman to build bridges and love to their neighbors. They serve Jesus in Oman and bears witness to Christian unity within human diversity while seeking to increase the global church.

At this time, due to the war in Iran, The Bodes have been called back to the USA for their protection. It's not known when or if they will be able to return to Oman to continue their Mission Work.

The Fields are our Missionaries in Columbia – Andrew Fields serves as a professor, coordinator of field education and dean in the Biblical Seminary of Columbia. Amy Fields devotes time to her children and families in the Seminary Community as well as the Seminary Library. They help the Seminary offer high-quality accessible ministry training for the more than 200 students pursuing their calls to proclaim the gospel in Latin America.

NHRC grants each of these Missionaries and annual donation of \$1,500 each.

Prayer Shawls: There are a number of beautiful hand crocheted Prayer Shawls that were made by Amy Burger. With talking to Rev. Jan Fritzing, she is the Chaplain at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, she has asked them to distribute to cancer patients she ministers to.

Bulletin Boards: Thanks to the beautiful graphic designs by Nicole Suranofsky, our Office Manager, there are signs on the Outreach, Music and Gathering Area bulletin boards. Nicole is displaying the MANY opportunities that NHRC has to offer as well as informational notices. She also displays the thank you notes NHRC receives for your donations. Please take a moment and look at them.

Mission of the Months:

January – Hope on a Mission – \$285.00

February – Community Action Partnership - \$325.00

March – St. James Episcopal Church Food Pantry

April – Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls

Liberty Station: We continue to help our American Heroes by donating food, health supplies as well as bedding and towels.



Newsletter Content Submission

If you have any information you would like to add into our monthly newsletter, please email Nicole in the office at office@nhrc-church.org. We would love to share important information within our Church and local community. Content is generally due a full week before the end of the month.



Happy Easter!
We look forward to seeing you in church or online.



Oh Lord, You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Please help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.