

NHRC Newsletter

New Hackensack Reformed Church
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February 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>

Feb 1st: COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Jack Branford
Assisting: Pam Kara

Feb 8th:

Rev. Jan Fritzinger
Assisting: Leola Mason

Feb 15th:

Preaching Elder Pat Meaney
Assisting: Liz Miedowski

Feb 18th: ASH WEDNESDAY

Rev. Jack Branford
Assisting: Roger Eddy

Feb 22nd:

Rev. Duncan Nichol
Assisting: Brad Moody

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A Message From Miss Tina

As we settle into the heart of winter, February often turns our attention toward "love". While our younger disciples might be busy decorating paper hearts, this season offers a beautiful reminder for all of us – regardless of age – that we are defined by the Greatest Love. As your Interim Christian Ed Director, I am struck by how this church family embodies that love, not just in sentiment, but in action. Whether it be a guest preacher sharing a Bible story or a seasoned member offering a word of encouragement in the gathering area, we are all a part of a "living curriculum" that shows our children what it looks like to follow Jesus. This month let's challenge ourselves to look past the candy hearts and focus on the enduring heart of the Gospel: that we love because He first loved us.

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

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship

We will need flower sign-ups for February 15th, 22nd and March 15th, 22nd. If you would like to share flowers on a Sunday in 2026 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.



Lenten Bible Study



New Hackensack invites everyone to consider participating in our 2026 church-wide Lenten study on the Holy Spirit. We will be reading the book The author creatively explores the work of the Holy Spirit through Old Testament stories and personal experiences. There are ten chapters to read, so the suggestion is to read only one chapter per week to give time for Bible study and personal reflection.

We are kicking this off Sunday February 15th. Elder Sherry Seney will be available on selected Sundays for group discussion, otherwise you are invited to participate as a personal study.

Sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area and books will begin to be provided later this month. Please do sign up and indicate P for Personal Study, or G for Group Study and also if you want the book to be ordered for you, (or you can order yourself from Amazon). There is an audio book available. ISBN978-0-310-36289-0. If you are worshipping remotely and would like to participate, please contact the church office. May the Lord bless you as you consider participating!



Congregational Life

Our annual Souper Bowl Collection to benefit local food pantries and Liberty Station has been extended to Feb 15 due to weather conditions and cancellations. Please bring any shelf stable soup to one of our collection bins located in the Gathering Area, Fellowship Hall, and the Education Center by that date.



Recruiting Property Committee Members

The Property Committee needs new members, regardless of age. Tasks can be done during the weekends or weekdays. You can do a half hour of work or longer. Mowing and trimming the lawns with our equipment or removing snow from the sidewalks with shovels or our snow blowers, are common tasks. Many of the volunteers work in pairs or groups. Somebody will always show you how to do things, but we are always open to new ideas. If you have a specialty, let us know. If you want to learn more about the tasks, contact any member of the property committee.



John Licari
Property Committee Chair
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New Hackensack Nursery School

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

Dear New Hackensack Reformed Church Family,



The holidays were a special time in our school, and they were followed by snow and frigid weather.

What a start to the New Year! The holiday concerts were a huge success. The sanctuary, with the lit trees and decorations, looked beautiful.

We hosted Open House, and it was well-received. All of our classrooms were open and all teachers attended. Carol Maiello, one of our School Committee members, dropped by to support our efforts. Thank you, Carol! Parents were happily touring the classrooms and having their questions answered and their concerns addressed. The teachers, as always, did an excellent job. They are a beautiful combination of professionalism and warmth.

We are now preparing for online registration for the 2026-2027 school year, which begins on Saturday, February 1. Online registration for the 2's program begins on February 9. If there is a preschool child you deeply love, encourage the family to visit our school and learn about our programs. Information for all of our classes, including "Me and My Peanut", is available online.



In February, the teachers prepare for Parent/Teacher conferences, and we will celebrate Valentine Day parties, which are so much fun. The children exchange cards and goodies and enjoy special treats. A dental hygienist will visit the school; we will have an obstacle course event, and an Olympics Day!

Always a busy, fun time here at New Hackensack Nursery School!

Stay well and enjoy the winter months.

Abby Garcia

on behalf of New Hackensack Nursery School

Piggy Bank Bazaar



Hello Everyone,

The Wednesday Morning Workshop Volunteers are back from their vacation break and are very excited to begin preparations for this year's 50th Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar!

Come join us to share new crafty gift ideas and make new friends. There are many different types of craft kits, so it is easy to find a project that matches your interest. And they are fun to do!

We will meet at 9:30am to 11:30am in the Education Center, rooms 13 and 15 on February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Note: Winter snow affects our Wednesday Morning Workshop Meetings, so remember, if the Wappingers' Schools are closed or even on a delay, there will be no meeting for us.

We will begin with **Our Annual Planning Meeting on February 4th, 2026, from 9am to 11am**, led by our Chairman, Pat Meaney, to review the report from our successful December 6th, 2025, Bazaar and make plans for the 2026 Bazaar. We sold 2,545 gifts at the Bazaar, so we will need to create that many gifts for this year's bazaar which will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 2026. The year goes quick! At this meeting we will also appropriate some of our profits into specific donations. Then on February 11th, 2026, it will be "Organizing Day" in the Workshop, (the rooms and supplies), and on February 18th our regular workshops begin.

Craft Supplies * Craft Supplies* Craft Supplies* Craft Supplies * Craft Supplies

Donations are greatly appreciated and now is a good time for them as we begin crafting new gifts. Many of our gifts are unique and inspired by the items we have to work with. So, look around your home and the stores for craft ideas to make really neat gifts and ornaments. Please email Carol Ray (jimcarolray@verizon.net) if you have ideas you would like to share. We work on 100 different craft ideas each year. If you would like to make a Kit, please ask for a copy of our Instruction Sheet for preparing Kits. Generally, each Kit needs a finished sample of the craft, a supply list to make more of the same craft and written directions. Many supplies are already on our shelves. We have a fascinating assortment of really neat items to create with.



That being said, “Crafting Cupboard” supplies we could use are as follow:

Plastic storage bins, jewelry making supplies, scissors, plyers, dowel sticks, new nails & screws, button magnets, jingle bells, small Christmas stockings, mugs, containers for candy, ribbon, fabric, fleece fabric, polyester fiberfill stuffing, thimbles, mason jars, macramé cord, craft paints, small pointed detail paint brushes (size 0), flat edge ones too, (1/4” wide), scrap book paper and supplies, new pencils, pens, rulers, yard sticks, rubber bands, paper clips, picture frames, wiggle eyes (assorted sizes), tacky glue, hot gun glue sticks(mini and standard size), sea shells(various sizes), smooth rocks for painting on, rhinestones, silk flowers, floral foam, tiny and mid-size vases, basket grass, Christmas gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, department store handle bags & brown paper bags with handles. All donations can be left in room 15.

A Piggy Bank Thank You goes out to all the Wonderful People who contribute, donate and create for us!

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop

PS Meeting snow date is Feb. 11th.

Outreach Council February 2026 News

2026 Mission of the Month

January: Hope on a Mission

February: Community Action Partnership

Their mission is to partner with individuals and families to eliminate poverty and identify the resources and opportunities available to them to enhance their self-reliance. They offer financial assistance, Food Pantry Needs, Prescription Assistance and Dress for Success for employment empowerment, weatherization assistance, and free tax preparation.

March: St. James Episcopal Church Food Bank

April & Easter: Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls

May: Grace Smith House

June: Hudson Valley Hospice

July: Dutchess Interfaith Council

August: Acts of Kindness

September: Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley

October: ALS Foundation

November & Thanksgiving: Food Bank of the HV & TBD

December & Christmas: TBD



Ladies Luncheon is set for February 18th, 12 noon at Red Line

If you are interested in joining us for lunch, please contact Arra Mowry. Please know that this is open to all women. If you have a neighbor or friend who you think may be interested in joining, please sign them up.

Senior Meal Volunteer Sign Up: Info on Table

Congregational Life will volunteer in September. The sign-up sheet is available for anyone interested in preparing a meal for up to 40 low-income senior citizens.

