

NHRC Newsletter

New Hackensack Reformed Church
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January 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>

Jan 4th: COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Roger Eddy

Jan 11th:

Preaching Elder, Pat Meany

Assisting: Jerry Carey

Jan 18th:

Rev. Duncan Nichol

Assisting: Roger Eddy

Jan 25th:

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Arra Mowry

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A Message From Miss Tina

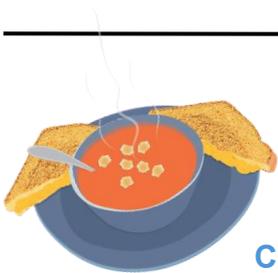
As we step into the New Year, I am filled with anticipation for what God has in store for our church family. Let's move forward together with expectant hearts, trusting that He who began a good work in us will continue to lead us into a season of growth and renewed purpose. You see, January is more than just a change of the calendar, it is an invitation to realign our vision with God's heart. My prayer is that we seek His presence first, allowing His word to be the compass that guides us this year.

Blessing to you all,
Miss Tina
Interim Christian Ed Director

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship



We will need flower sign-ups beginning January 25th. If you would like to share flowers on a Sunday in 2026, sign up in the gathering area or 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.



Congregational Life Council

For the next 5 weeks, we will be holding our annual Souper Bowl Collection. Any kind of shelf stable soup will help local food pantries and the veterans at Liberty Station warm up during this wintry season. Collection bins will be placed around the church in the Gathering Area, Fellowship Hall and the Education Center. Watch for Can-Can sales and use those coupons! The collection starts Jan 5th and ends Feb 8th.

New Hackensack Nursery School

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

Happy New Year! We hope that your holidays were memorable and that 2026 finds you and yours happy and healthy.



After our winter recess, January will be a busy month. We will host our annual Open House on Wednesday, January 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please spread the word. During this event, our classrooms are open and the teachers are available to answer any questions that potential families might have.



Later in the month we will celebrate our **School Spirit Week**, which is always fun and engages the students and their families.

We have already experienced a couple of snow days and a delay. Thank you to the Property Committee for always ensuring that the grounds are maintained and safe.

We are also preparing for the **2026 school year registration process, which begins on February 1st.**

As always, we are busy, productive, and enjoying all that we do. Here's to 2026 and all that it has in store for us.

Regards,
Abby Garcia
on behalf of New Hackensack Nursery School

Piggy Bank Bazaar - A Big Thank You

Thank
you!

~~~~~Happy New Year ~~~~~

***This is not just a New Year but Piggy Bank Bazaar's 50<sup>th</sup> year!!!!***

*Oh so many memories & joys we have brought to the children and adults alike over the years. Imagine, A half a century, five decades, of glorious crafting. Translated, that's 300,000 gifts.*

The Wednesday Morning Workshop will begin again in February starting with our **Annual Planning Meeting on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:30 am in rooms 13 and 15.**

*Quote: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." –Eleanor Roosevelt*

The numbers are in for the **2025 Piggy Bank Bazaar!** We had 243 excited shoppers this year who bought 2,545 crafty gifts, and we had a net income of \$5,753.45 for a successful event. Each shopper purchased about 11 gifts and spent about \$28 at the Bazaar.

**A GREAT BIG PIGGY BANK THANK YOU** goes out to:

- Pat Meaney, Chair of Bazaar
- The Wednesday Morning Workshop Crafters, led by Carol Ray. (Barbara Neevel, founder of Piggy Bank)
- The Moving Day Volunteers
- The Helping Hands Men Volunteers who moved tables, chairs, and climbed ladders to hang shop signs, lights and decorations inside and out.
- The Volunteers who decorated & worked the Gift Tables
- The Welcomers, The Gordineer's
- The Greeters, Bonnie Hawes, Arra Mowry



- The Girl Scouts and their leaders helping us with guiding, gift wrapping, and gift tables, including liaison Franca Petrillo and on-site coordinator, Laura Kelly
- The Framing and Photographers Group
- The Youth Bake Sale which made \$293.25, Chelsea Bender
- The Snack Room Organizers, Jim Ray and others
- The Coffee Room, Roger Eddy, Mary Hemingway
- The Gift Wrappers with Directors Liz Miedowski and Diane Grammerstorf
- The Cleanup Crew
- Our Treasurer, Sue Meaney
- The Financial Counters, Bernie Roe, Jeff Miedowski, Ginger Trimble
- The Cashiers
- The Publicity Crew, including Arra Mowry, Irene Moody and Nicole Suranofsky, as well as all those people who distributed postcards, and posted on social media!

**A BIG THANK YOU to all. We had over 100 Volunteers!!!**

### Feeling Inspired by Piggy Bank Bazaar and the Holiday Spirit???

Please reach out to Pat Meaney\* and join our team for our 50<sup>th</sup>!!!

Whether you like to do Crafting, Planning, Marketing, Inventory, Organizing, Taking Video, Photographing, Blogging, or Shopping, we could always use the help. –The more the merrier!

\*Pat Meaney, Chair ([meaneypj@gmail.com](mailto:meaneypj@gmail.com)), 914-456-2613.

2026 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. Cupboard supplies restock items needed are: gift wrapping, tissue paper, gift tags, and gift labels (the to/from sticker sheets) ornaments, garland, artificial greens, basket grass, storage bins, small Christmas stockings, mugs, mason jars, and cute craft ideas. Donations can be dropped off in room 15.

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop





## Outreach Council January 2026 News

### Blood Drive:

We will be hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. Schedule to donate at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: NHRC. When you donate you will be entered in a raffle to win Super Bowl LX tickets in California!



Food Closet: Many thanks to everyone donating food last month. We certainly appreciate it as does the local Food Pantries. The bins are located upstairs near the Pastors Office and also in the Gathering Area. Any kind of non-perishable food will be happily accepted.

Senior Meal Program: We had a very successful 2025 with volunteers preparing lovely meals for our Senior friends living in a special housing with 40 apartments. Each month, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we provide a delicious meal for the residents to enjoy. The new 2026 Volunteer Sign-up sheet is now available on the Info Table in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to select a date and prepare whatever meal you would like. There are no dietary restrictions. Thank you in advance.

Mission of the Month: January's Mission is Hope on a Mission. These folks take to the streets of Poughkeepsie to serve the homeless a dinner and at times early morning breakfast. They also help provide necessary gloves, scarves and hats to them during the Winter months. Outreach will be meeting this month to line-up the remaining months to keep you all informed. As always, it is greatly appreciated for the generous donations this Congregation has made to help those less fortunate.

Clothing Bin: as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, we received over \$5,800 from St. Pauly Clothing. All this money Outreach has designated to go to Property Reserve to help maintain the building and grounds.

Ladies Lunch Gathering: December was a hectic month, so we did not have a gathering. However, we are looking forward to having one this month. Announcement will be forthcoming.

Mission Appeals: Outreach has received numerous appeals for donations. Our main focus is and always has been for homelessness and hunger. A number of appeals have come from Food Pantries as well as shelters. We will be looking at them and making a determination as to what we feel is most needed and we feel you as well will feel the same.

One of the appeals comes from a Food Pantry from upstate NY. This Pantry was organized by John and Robin Licari near their upstate home - St. James Episcopal Church Food Pantry, and the Ecumenical Food Bank in Au Sable Forks, NY. We will be assigning one of the Mission of the Months to benefit this Food Pantry.

Outreach Council is committed to serving our Lord and Savior through the best possible way by paying everything forward. We appreciate this congregation more than you know for helping us to keep this commitment.

**Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!  
We look forward to seeing you in church or online.**