

NHRC Newsletter

New Hackensack Reformed Church
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March 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>

March 1st: COMMUNION SUNDAY

Preaching Elder Pat Meaney

Assisting: Arra Mowry

March 8th: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Pam Kara

March 15th: DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Liz Miedowski

March 22nd:

Rev. Duncan Nichol

Assisting: CJ Hershman

March 29th: PALM SUNDAY

Preaching Elder Sherry Seney

Assisting: Leola Mason

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A Message From Miss Tina



It feels as though we just packed away the Christmas decorations, yet here we are at the threshold of Lent. This "suddenness" actually mirrors the Gospel – life moves quickly, and if we aren't intentional, the sacred moments can pass us by. **Lent isn't a surprise to God, but a scheduled invitation to stop, breathe, and look inward.**

"Getting right" with God isn't about earning His love; you already have that. It's about removing the clutter that prevents you from feeling that love.

Instead of giving up something for Lent (to represent the suffering that Jesus had with his 40-day journey in the wilderness), try reclaiming that time to feast on scripture or silent prayer. Lent is a call to move from "talking at" God to "listening for" God. Try making your prayers intentional. And lastly, repentance often involves action. Getting "right with God" often starts with doing right by his children. Check on a neighbor, mend a broken relationship, lend a helping hand. As we walk through these 40 days together, may we not be rushed by the calendar, but moved by the Spirit.

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

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship



We will need flower sign-ups for April 12th, 19th and 26th and all of May. 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.

Congregational Life

**Souper Bowl
Collection Results**

144 Campbells

4 other brands

177 Progresso

Thank you to everyone who donated!

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl Collection. **This year we collected 325 cans of soup, which were distributed to the Fishkill Food Pantry, Zion, Liberty Station, and St. Mary's.** They were all very grateful for the bags and bags of soup we delivered. Who won this year? **Progresso! 177 vs 144 for Campbells.**

A special shout out to Arra and Joan for all their help moving, storing, and organizing all those cans of soup! They bagged up all the soup so bringing it to the food pantries was a snap!



A Special ‘Thank You’

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for all the beautiful cards of condolence sent by our church family. I also appreciate the calls as well as the assistance provided by members.



One of my favorite hymns is "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," and God saw us through the last two years, albeit sometimes painfully watching Dave's decline. My wish was granted that we could keep him at home and he got his wish to meet his maker.

I'll look forward to seeing everyone soon and being back in the flock.

Most Sincerely,
Carole DeWoody and Family



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

The teachers are assessing the children and preparing 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!!

We are holding registration for both the September 2026 school year and the 2’s “Me & My Peanut” program. Both registrations are going very well. The 2’s 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

At this point of the winter, most of us know how many snow shovels, buckets and towels we have for cleanup. We have also added a “Snow Rake” to the Tool Shed and have sacrificed a few panty hoses filled with ice melt for the cause.... ice dams. Yep, one of those winters, but at last Spring is around the corner. Yay!



Do you have a friend that likes to do crafts? Bring them along and join us. We will brighten your morning with great ideas to share and fun new crafts to do. **The Wednesday Morning Workshop is a warm, sunny, friendly, happy part of our day that gives us purpose as we create gifts for the children’s craft fair.** We have been busy putting together many different types and skill levels of Kits for you to choose from, whether it be cut & paste, sand & paint, sew & stuff, arrange & assemble, we have it all!! **We will meet at 9:30am to 11:30am in the Education Center, rooms 13 and 15 on March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.** (Note: There is still a chance winter weather could impact our Wednesday Morning Workshop meetings, sooo... if that be the case, the Wappingers’ Schools are closed or even on a delay, there will be no meeting for us.)

“Stock Check”, There are a number of items in our Crafting Cupboard that we used up last year and need to Restock. **First:** plastic storage bins, brown paper bags with handles, department store handle bags, Christmas gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, small jewelry size boxes with lids, and big Christmas roll wrapping paper (for our Bazaar Day Tables). **Second:** crafting supplies: pencils, pens, rulers, yardsticks, pliers, dowel sticks, new nails & screws; paperclips, tacky glue, hot gun glue sticks (mini and standard size), crafting paints, small detail paint brushes (size 0), flat edge ones too, (1/4”wide). **Next:** fabric, fleece fabric, polyester fiberfill stuffing, thimbles, ribbon, macramé cord, small Christmas stockings, containers for candy, mugs, mason jars, tiny and mid-size vases, floral foam, basket grass, and picture frames. **Last:** button magnets, *jingle* bells, jewelry making supplies, scrap book paper and supplies, wiggle eyes (assorted sizes), pompoms, and silk flowers.

An interesting fact, from our Annual Report, is that 1992-2025 Piggy Bank Bazaar has donated \$111,076.44 to various causes mostly concerning NHRC. At our Annual Meeting this year we voted to donate \$1,500.00 to the Church Property Fund and \$500.00 to New Hackensack Nursery School.

A Special Piggy Bank Bazaar Thank You goes out to the Property Committee for all the help they provide for us throughout the year. Thank you, thank you.

Any thoughts or ideas on how we could promote the 50th Anniversary of the Bazaar? We would like to hear from you.

Pick a Kit....Your choice....Enjoy the fun...looking forward to meeting you.



We really enjoy creating gifts from all your donations and small gifts that we can sell, Thank You!

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop

PS Save the Date: Piggy Bank Bazaar Day is Saturday, December 5, 2026

Dutchess County Interfaith Council

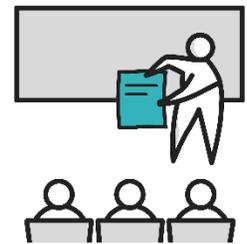
Dutchess County Interfaith Council Annual Membership Meeting

INTERFAITH BRIDGE BUILDING IN POLARIZING TIMES

Lessons Learned from Young Adults

Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 pm

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
1168 State Route 55, Lagrangeville NY



It will feature a presentation and discussion with Rev. Callista Isabelle, Associate Dean of the College for Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices at Vassar College. She will share lessons learned from young adults during her 18+ years in higher education as a chaplain. There will be election of DCIC leadership and evening refreshments.

RSVP: office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org OR 845-471-7333

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Bahnsen

Outreach Council March 2026 News



Clothing Bin - At the end of 2025, the NHRC Clothing Shed donated over 72,000 pounds of clothing which clothed an estimated over 13,000 people all over the world. The donations brought in \$5,831 to NHRC which is automatically deposited into the Property Committee Restricted Funds Budget to assist with any building repairs.

Ladies Lunch Gathering – We had 11 Ladies attend the February gathering. The next gathering will be March 18th, at 12 noon at the Red Line Diner.

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.



RMM is having a COFFEE HOUSE with Karaoke, wine and appetizers on March 21st at 6pm with a \$20 suggested donation to Church of St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583. All proceeds benefit the Youth of Rural & Migrants Ministry, Inc.

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.

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.

Mission of the Month

January: Hope on a Mission - \$285.00

February: Community Action Partnership

March: St. James Episcopal Church Food Bank

Clothing Shed Income

January: \$566.06

Liberty Station – we continue to help our American Heroes by donating food, health supplies as well as bedding and towels. For Valentines Day, Marian Peterson-Grover taught a card making class and they made beautiful Valentines Cards with a nice chocolate heart attached for each of the Veterans living at Liberty Station. They were very appreciative and thoroughly loved the chocolate.

Outreach Council is committed to serve 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.

Easter Plants 2026

The beauty of God’s flowers fill our sanctuary every Easter! Dedicate an Easter plant in memory of someone, in honor of someone or in honor of a special occasion.



Plants are \$15.00 each.

Complete the order form and with a check payable to:

New Hackensack Reformed Church

Memo: Easter Plant





Place order in collection plate, drop off in our locked mailbox, Or Mail to:

New Hackensack Reformed Church

Attn: Easter Plant

1580 Route 376

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

The deadline to order is Sunday, March 22nd

Dedications will be shared during the Easter Sunday Service



Circle one: In Memory / Honor of _____

Given by: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

I will take after Easter service _____

For a shut-in: I will deliver _____ Please share with a shut-in _____

**Happy St. Patrick's Day.
We look forward to seeing you in church or online.**



Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.