

# NHRC Newsletter

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## November 2025

### 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>

**Nov 2nd**  
**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**  
**LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATED**  
*Rev. Duncan Nichol*

**Nov 9th**  
*TBD*

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Rev. Jack Branford*

**Nov 23rd**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
*Preaching Elder, Sherry Seney*

*Tuesday – 25<sup>th</sup> Decorate Church*

**Nov 30th**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Preaching Elder, Sherry Seney*

Message from Miss Tina  
Advent Bible Study  
Handmade Card Sale  
Fall Clean-Up  
Veterans' Coffee Hour  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Campanola Ringers  
Sunday Flowers  
Clothing Shed Donations  
CropWalk Results  
NHNS (Nursery School)  
Piggy Bank Bazaar  
Outreach Council  
Order Poinsettias





## A Message From Miss Tina

**November has always been a time of thanksgiving.** Not just the HOLIDAY of Thanksgiving, but the ACT of thanksgiving. Sure, we all sit at a table filled with all the traditional feast foods and have family and friends surrounding each other, but that is when we usually take the time to BE thankful. This is the way November is usually illustrated. What if we pretended, if you will, that EVERY month was November??? Not where you have to put a feast on your table to feed a small army, but rather be in the MINDSET of gratitude. Give yourself food for the soul, a feast for your spirit and the desire to come together with others to show what thankfulness looks like. I will choose to do this because it answers the question "What would Jesus Do?"

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.  
Miss Tina  
Interim Christian Ed Director

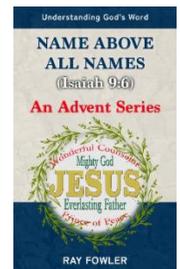
*Be Thankful Together*

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## Advent Bible Study

An Advent Bible Study, led by Sherry Seney, will be offered on Sundays following worship service.

**Dates: November 9, 16, 23 (break on Nov 30) and Dec 7 and 14.**  
Books and a sign-up sheet are in the Gathering Area.



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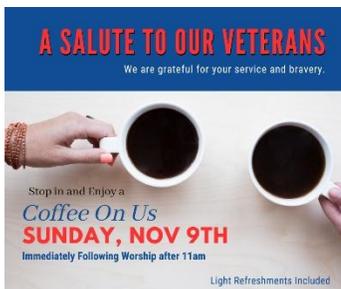
## Congregational Life Council Handmade Card Sale THIS SATURDAY and SUNDAY

**Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-2pm and Sunday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> before & after church in Fellowship Hall** we will be selling handmade cards for \$2.50 each. Come stock up on cards for all occasions. Need a birthday card? Sympathy card? Get Well card? We've got it, plus much more. All proceeds will benefit the Kitchen Fund.



## Fall Property Clean-Up

Join us Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am-12pm (Rain date Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>) for our annual fall clean-up of the church grounds. Bring your work gloves, and if you have a battery or gas operated leaf blower, it would be VERY helpful! If your kids can rake leaves, please have them join us! Even an hour of your time to come help would be greatly appreciated.



## Veterans' Coffee Hour

On Sunday, November 9th, Arra Mowry will host a special coffee hour in Fellowship Hall to honor all Veterans with special treats. Please join us and if you are able - bring a can of food for Liberty Station (housing for homeless veterans).

## Congregational Life Council

What's for dinner? Well, on Friday, Nov 14th, you won't have to cook or clean up! Come join us for a spaghetti dinner that day. The kitchen will be open from 5-7pm. Franca will make a delicious sauce, and Jeff Wright will make his famous meatballs! For only \$10/adult and \$5/child, come enjoy a great meal, including bread, salad, and make your own sundaes for dessert. All proceeds will benefit the Kitchen Fund. Please sign up in the Gathering Area. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk. Or you can email Franca at [franca18@hotmail.com](mailto:franca18@hotmail.com).



## Campanola Ringers



Campanola Ringers are looking for new Ringers! Is that you? Ya don't know until ya try. If you are interested in ringing *Silent Night* and *Joy to the World* with us for the 8pm Christmas Eve service, get in touch!

Contact NHRC office or me:  
Pat McCullough, Handbell Choir Director  
(845) 240-6451 voice/text  
[pat.sightandsound@gmail.com](mailto:pat.sightandsound@gmail.com)



## Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship

**No additional flower sign-ups are needed through 2025.** 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. Thank you to all who have contributed this year.



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## Clothing Shed Donations



Thank you for all your donations to our Clothing Shed in our back parking lot. When donating, **please place your clothing in 30-gallon plastic bags or smaller if possible.** If that is not convenient, you may use any size bag. The textile company that operates the Clothing Shed pays the Church by the bag.

Thank you.  
John Licari, Property Committee

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## Crop Hunger Walk Results



Praise God! **Our campaign to fight hunger raised \$2640, exceeding our goal by more than \$300.** 25% of that \$2640 will stay right here in Dutchess County while the rest will assist hunger needs in our country and around the world. Many thanks to all who contributed and to our 3 walkers.

Mary Ann Bahnsen, Team Leader



## New Hackensack Nursery School

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

Hello everyone! The children, staff, and families of New Hackensack Nursery School have been enjoying fall-time treats and events. We visited Dubois Farm for apple and pumpkin picking. It has easily become a favorite event, and over 120 people attended. We enjoyed a costume parade, our second annual Trunk or Treat, and a mini concert! The children in our "Peanuts" program have also participated in the fun. Parents have enjoyed visiting the school and seeing their children in action.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the opportunity to spend time together as a whole school. We have so much to be thankful for, and we hope to share this sentiment with the children in our care.



I am especially thankful for the phenomenal staff that makes our school the special, unique place that it is. Beyond what they do for the students and their families, this staff, along with their own families, lovingly ensure that the school runs smoothly and that all needs are met. I am deeply grateful for the way that they care for each other, the families they serve, and our program. It is at the core of who we are and what we do.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving, the time to enjoy it, and the heart to treasure it.

Enjoy your days,  
Abby Garcia for New Hackensack Nursery School

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## **Piggy Bank Bazaar A Craft Fair for Children**

Hello Everyone,

*Come make memories and tell your friends about the*

### **49th Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar!!!**



We welcome our young shoppers as they buy gifts for their family and friends on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon** here at the New Hackensack Reformed Church. No gift over \$3.00 and gift wrapping is FREE.

Many of our 5,500 stunning assortment of crafty homemade gifts are arranged by categories in 6 rooms. Featured gifts are for children, women, men, pets, personalized items, flower arrangements, and Christmas themed gifts. Photographers will be on hand to take a small photo of your child and put them in ornamental frames just in time for Christmas.

We have **2500** advertising cards to be widely distributed in the community. This bazaar is such a unique experience for the children and we really want their parents to know about it. If you can help, the cards can be picked up at the **Information Table** in the **Gathering Area** of the church.

Our guides (most of whom are Girl Scouts) will be on hand to escort the younger children and help them with their shopping, at the cashier, and wrapping needs. Older children may shop on their own. Parents can help too, or they can wait in the Fellowship Hall where refreshments are available. **The Youth Group** will be sponsoring a **Bake Sale**. Adult shopping is open from Noon to 12:30pm.

In order for the Bazaar to run smoothly, we need **Many Volunteers**. During the month of November **Look for Signup Sheets in the Gathering Area**; or contact Pat Meaney ([meaneypi@gmail.com](mailto:meaneypi@gmail.com)).



Also, ATTENTION: **Junior and Senior High School Students**; Volunteering at the Piggy Bank Bazaar, (including Moving Boxes Day, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>) can be used as a Community Service Activity. You will be provided with a letter of thanks on the church's letterhead.

**Christmas is coming, so start planning for the following Volunteer Events:**

**Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Moving Boxes Day!** After the church service many hands make this go quickly. All of our gifts and wrappings need to be moved from the basement to the Education Center. The boxes are generally lightweight and will be piled into the center of rooms 13 and 15. The gift-wrapping supplies go through room 9 and then to the back of the Youth Room. Here we will need Volunteers to sort the wrappings into categories.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9 am**, Sorting of the Gifts Day! We need many Volunteers to move the gifts from the huge pile in rooms 13 and 15 to the gift table destination. (Youth, Women's, Men's, Pet's, Personalized, Flower Arrangements, and Christmas themed gift tables in 6 separate rooms). If time permits, we will also do the inventory of the many gifts.

**Friday and/or Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am; Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am**, Volunteers are needed for Setup, Bazaar Day, and Cleanup. Here is your opportunity to help out at the bazaar. Volunteers are needed at the tables: to setup, to help the children in gift selection at that table, packing of unsold items, and cleanup afterwards.

**Volunteer Bakers** – Baked goods, homemade or bought, will be needed along with small plates, napkins, and cups for Bazaar Day. Baked goods can be brought to the church kitchen on Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9am**, Volunteers are needed to setup tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall, Wrapping Room, and the Hallways.

**Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm**, we will need a group of Volunteers again to break down tables, put the tables and chairs away, and cleanup. And to return unsold gift boxes and wrapping supplies back to the basement.

Bazaar snow date is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 3pm.

**Many Thanks** to everyone who plans to volunteer to make **this the Best Piggy Bank Bazaar Ever!** **Also, a Big Piggy Bank Thank You** goes out to all the Wonderful People who contributed, donated, and created for us. We couldn't do it without you all!

**Wednesday Morning Workshop – Now that it is November, we will be very busy finishing things up. Meeting dates are November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> in rooms 13 and 15 in the Education Center from 9:30 am to 11:30am.**



**Last minute donations:** Left over Halloween Candy, Christmas theme plastic tablecloths, napkins, and small plates, gift bags, brown grocery bags with handles, scotch tape, scissors, tissue paper, bows, ribbon, pens, pencils, new pet toys, 8 1/2 x11 photo paper, small & tiny pinecones, tinsel garland, mugs, and any craft ideas and supplies are always welcome. Donations can be left in room15.

Inclosing, stop by **the Showcase** in the Gathering Area to get a preview of this year's stunning assortment of gifts that will be on sale at the Bazaar.

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## Outreach Council November 2025 News

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*



*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35-40*

**Food Closet:** There is a severe shortage of food in all the Local Food Pantries. There are food donation bins located in the Gathering Area as well as the main entrance near the Pastors office. Please consider picking up an extra box, can or jar during your regular grocery run. As always, Outreach thanks you all for any help you may be able to give.

**Senior Meal Program:** New Hackensack has been providing a nice meal on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2pm. **To date we are covered through November 2025 but are in need of volunteers for December 28th.** The Sign-Up sheet is in the Gathering Area on the Information Table for anyone interested in volunteering. We also welcome any financial gifts to help Outreach prepare a meal on Months there are no volunteers. Make out a check to NHRC and Memo: Senior Meal. Currently we prepare a meal for 40 low-income senior residents

**Ladies Lunch Gathering:** We have had a great time so far with wonderful fellowship. **Our next gathering will be November 12th, 12 noon at The Red Line Diner.** The gathering is open to all ladies. If you have a neighbor, friend or family member who you feel would be interested in joining us, please don't hesitate to invite them. Please let Arra Mowry know if you would like to attend as well as anyone you would be inviting. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable. We have an email distribution list to notify everyone. If you are not on this list and wish to be on it, please contact Arra Mowry or Joan Heller and we will add you.

**Blood Drive: Our October Blood Drive netted 35 blood donations.** Thanks to everyone who donated and special thanks to Joan Heller, Lois Kapushoc, Pat Meaney and Jeff Wright for manning the stations. A special thank you to Sue Meaney for her home baked goodies.



**2025 Mission of the Month Totals:**

January – Hope On A Mission - \$568  
February – Community Action Partnership - \$475  
March – Hudson Valley Hospice - \$552  
April – Church World Service - \$515  
May – Grace Smith House - \$460  
June – Meals on Wheels of Wappingers - \$753  
July – Dutchess Interfaith Council - \$180  
August – Acts of Kindness - \$432  
September – Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley - \$398  
October – ALS Foundation -  
November – Church World Service (Relief for Hurricane Melissa) and RMM  
December – Food Bank of the HV and Meals on Wheels

**Holiday Offerings:**

**Easter Special Offering:** Church World Service \$1,899.00  
**Thanksgiving Special Offering:** Church World Service and Rural & Migrant Ministry  
**Christmas Special Offering:** Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and Meals on Wheels  
**Clothing Bin:** \$4,791.48



**Time to Order Christmas Poinsettias!!**

At this time of year filled with hope and love, we remember, or honor loved ones or special events. Every year we are blessed to enjoy the beauty of these commemorations by filling the Sanctuary with poinsettias.

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone or a special event, please complete the form below along with a check in the amount of \$9.00 made payable to:

**New Hackensack Reformed Church**

memoed: **poinsettia**

Forms and payment may be mailed to:

New Hackensack Reformed Church

**Attn: Poinsettia**

1580 Route 376

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

~ Or may be placed in the offering plate~

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th**



Poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Eve 8:00pm service

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In Memory or Honor of .....(please circle one)

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Will take after 8:00pm service 12/24 \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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**Blessings to you this Thanksgiving season.  
Please join your church family  
in Worship and Fellowship.  
We love to see you in church or online!**