NHRC Newsletter

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November 2026

Worship Schedule

~ SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP / CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ~ 10:00 A.M. ~
Pastor Emeritus Rev. James A. Neevel

(ALL SERVICES ONLINE AND IN PERSON)
Facebook ~ YouTube ~ NHRC website http://nhrc-church.org/index.html

Nov 1st: All Saints Day & Communion
Rev. Jack Branford
Assisting: Roger Eddy

Nov 8th:
**Choir*
Rev. Jack Branford
Assisting: Pam Kara

Nov 15th:
Preaching Elder Sherry Seney
Assisting: Liz Miedowski

Nov 22nd: Christ the King &Thanksgiving Sunday
**Choir and Bells*
Rev. Duncan Nichol
Assisting: Arra Mowry

Nov 29th: Advent I
Preaching Elder Sherry Seney
Assisting:

-Worship Schedule
-Message from Miss Tina
-Children and Worship
-Tree Decorating
-Operation Christmas Child
-Sunday Flowers
-Congregational Life
-Fall Property Clean-Up
-A Special 'Thank You'
-Crop Hunger Walk Results
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-Bazaar Baked Goods
-Piggy Bank Bazaar
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A Message from Miss Tina

Have you ever noticed a child coming inside during the autumn season? They usually have pockets full of treasures: a smooth acorn, a red maple leaf, a pebble that looked special in the sunlight. To grown-up eyes, these are ordinary things, but a child sees them as gifts worth carrying home. **Thanksgiving invites us to look at our lives the same way. God's blessings rarely arrive as grand harvests. More often they come as small, everyday gifts: a warm meal, a kind word, a hand to hold in the pew.**

"Give thanks in all circumstance" (1 Thessalonians 5:18) is really an invitation to keep our pockets open. This month, try gathering your own small treasures of gratitude, one each day, and bring them to the Thanksgiving table to share. You may be surprised how full your pockets become. Happy Thanksgiving, my friends.



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

Children and Worship

This program is designed for children ages 3 through 6th grade. Since every child is different, we will be flexible with these age guidelines and work with families to make sure each child is in a setting where they feel comfortable and ready to participate.

For children who are new to the program, we ask that parents of 3- and 4-year-olds plan to stay for the first 2–4 Sundays to help their child get comfortable. We will work this out individually based on each child's needs and temperament. It also gives parents a chance to see what we're doing and become familiar with the program.

Children should be **dropped off in Room 9** before the worship service.

Nursery care will be available for children younger than 3 in the Nursery.



Christmas Tree Decorating



We invite all the kiddos (and any adults) who would like to come to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evening Dec. 2nd at 6:00pm to help decorate the Christmas tree before Piggy Bank Bazaar on Saturday. Many hands make light work and it's always more fun when we do it together. I will have cookies and hot chocolate along with some festive music to help bring in the cheer.
Miss Tina

Operation Christmas Child



For our Church's annual contribution to Operation Christmas Child this year, we will once again accept monetary donations after Sunday services through November and until December 13th. Tina Brent will be in the gathering area most Sundays with the collection box and I thank you from the bottom of her heart for anything you thoughtfully contribute. New Hackensack Reformed Church will write one check to Operation Christmas Child.

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship



We will need flower sign-ups for November 15th and December 13th. 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

We still have 3 more events before Christmas!

Handmade Card Sale Sat, Nov 7th 10-2 and Sun, Nov 8th before and after the service. Hopefully you have sent out all the cards you purchased last year and are looking to stock up again! All cards are STILL a very affordable $2.50. Come browse the collection!



Friday, Nov 13th 5-6:30 pm our 2nd Annual **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held in Fellowship Hall. Admission is $15 per person. **Sign up in the gathering area by Nov. 8th.** We will have salad, bread, spaghetti with Franca's delicious sauce and Jeff Wright's famous meatballs. And dessert! Come join us for a comforting meal and great company!

Saturday, Dec.12 5pm Potluck Dinner. Save the date! It's time to bring back a favorite tradition. More info will follow along with a signup sheet.

Fall Property Clean-Up



The Property committee has scheduled the fall grounds cleanup day for Saturday, Nov. 7th from 9 AM to 12 noon. Someone will be there starting at 8 AM, so please feel free to come for whatever time fits your schedule. The church has plenty of rakes and tarps, but please bring any blowers etc. that you wish. All volunteers are appreciated!

Coffee and snacks will be available.
Rain date will be Sat. Nov. 14th.

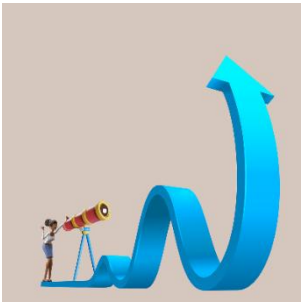
A Special 'Thank You'



I would like to thank all of you that sent cards, visited, texted and called me during my recovery. I still have a ways to go but look forward to returning to church as soon as I can. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

God Bless all of you! - Franca

Crop Hunger Walk – Exceeds Goal



We joyfully announce our Dutchess Interfaith Crop Hunger Walk effort yielded $4750 to help hungry folks both here and around our country and world. Praise to God and many thanks to all who contributed. **25% of our total stays right here in Dutchess County aiding Dutchess Outreach, Fishkill Food Pantry, Community Action Partnership, and Camino Al Exito in Pawling.** We also appreciate our 4 walkers and invite you to join us on our shorter 5K route or any portion of it next year, We are blessed to be able to help our hungry neighbors.

Gratefully,
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, with family members joining in on the fun. We enjoyed a costume parade, our 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, I am especially thankful that the foundation of our school and its program is solid and steady. We provide a safe, steadfast space for our students and their families. Parents are confident as they enter our building and leave their treasured possessions in our care.The children feel safe, cared for, and validated.

I am thankful for the New Hackensack Reformed Church that allows us the use of the building to provide this invaluable service to the community. In these times of uncertainty, I am proud to be part of this group that provides stability and fortitude to all we encounter.

The staff and I are holding the following as a truth for this specific time:

We do not know what the year ahead has in store for us, but **WE KNOW THE GRASS IS GREENER WHEREVER WE STAND BECAUSE WE BRING VALUE TO EVERY SPACE WE ENTER**.

As we enter this holiday season, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving, the time to enjoy it, and the heart to treasure it.

Enjoy your days,
Abby Garcia
On behalf of New Hackensack Nursery School

Piggy Bank Bazaar Baked Goods Needed





The bake sale on Piggy Bank Day is a very important part for the parents waiting for their children to shop. It's an opportunity for people to gather and converse over baked goods and coffee. **We are asking the congregation to please donate baked goods this year. They can be homemade or store-bought but must be delivered to Fellowship Hall the morning of the Piggy Bank Bizarre, December 5, by 8:30 AM.**

Thank you, In advance, for your participation and constant love and support of this church. - Miss Tina

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Piggy Bank Bazaar

1976 50th Anniversary 2026

A Craft Fair for Children



Hello Everyone,

It's almost here! It's big, It's the greatest, Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar Ever!!!
Come Join Us, bring your Family and Friends and make some memories as we host
the 50th Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar!!!

We welcome our young shoppers as they buy gifts for their family and friends on **Saturday, December 5th from 9am to Noon** here at the New Hackensack Reformed Church. No gift over $3.00 and gift wrapping is FREE.

Many of our stunning assortments 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 it in ornamental frames just in time for Christmas.

We have **2000 advertising cards** to be widely distributed in the community. This bazaar is such a unique experience for 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 the wrapping needs. Older children may shop on their own. Parents can help too, or they can wait in the Fellowship Hall where there will be refreshments, the Bake Sale, activities for the children, and musical entertainment. Adult shopping is open from Noon to 12:30pm.

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 (meaneypj@gmail.com). Also, **ATTENTION: Junior and Senior High School Students; Volunteering at the Piggy Bank Bazaar, (including Moving Boxes Day, Nov. 22nd) 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.22nd – Moving Boxes Day! After the church service, many hands make this go quickly. All 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. 2nd - 9am, 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/Saturday, Dec. 4th - 9am; Dec. 5th – 8:30am, Volunteers are needed for Setup, Bazaar Day, and Cleanup. Here is your opportunity to help at the bazaar. Volunteers are needed at the tables: to set up, to help the children in gift selection at that table, packing unsold items, and cleanup afterwards. At the Bazaar we have a large area devoted to gift wrapping the presents for the children. We need many Volunteers to sit at the tables wrapping the gifts.

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. 4th and Saturday, Dec. 5th.

Friday, Dec. 4th-9am, **Volunteers are needed to set up tables and chairs** in the Fellowship Hall, Wrapping Room, and the Hallways. **Volunteer Decorators** for the Halls- to hang mini lights and snowflakes

Saturday, Dec. 5th- 12:30, we will need a group of Volunteers again to break down tables, put the table and chairs away, and cleanup. And to return unsold giftboxes and wrapping supplies back to the basement.

Bazaar snow date is Sunday, December 6th, Noon to 3pm.



Many Thanks to everyone who plans to volunteer to make this the Best Piggy Bank Bazaar Ever!

Wednesday Morning Workshop – Now that it is November, we will be very busy finishing things up. **Meeting dates are November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th in rooms 13 and 15 in the Education Center from 9:30am to 11:30am.**

Last minute donations: Left over Halloween Candy, Christmas theme plastic tablecloths, napkins, and small plates, gift bags, scotch tape, scissors, tissue paper, bows, ribbon, pens, pencils, new pet toys, 81/2x11 photo paper, tinsel garland, and any craft ideas and supplies are always welcome. Donations can be left in room 15.

We would like to borrow a camera that has an SD card, which is taken from the camera and plugged into the computer. This camera would be used by our photographers when they take a photo of a child and later the photo is printed and then framed.

In closing, 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.

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop

Outreach Council November 2026 News

Food Closet: Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate food. Please feel free to pick up an extra jar, box or package of a non-perishable food item. Thank you in advance.

Senior Meal Volunteers: We have completed the volunteers for 2026. **MANY thanks to all who volunteered**. A new 2027 sign-up listing will be available soon

Blood Drive: The October 20th, 2026 netted 25 pints which potentially will save up to 200 patients. The next Blood Drive will be January 12, 2027.

Clothing Bin: $4,012.65 has been received through September. This brings in a nice amount of funds that is immediately transferred to the Property Budget.

Ladies' Lunch Gathering: The next Ladies Gathering will be November 18th, 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.

Ladies' Dinner: Outreach will be setting up an early evening dinner starting Some of the ladies from lunch felt we should get through the holidays first.

Rural & Migrant Ministry: RMM continues to offer support to all our migrant children and their families who are no longer able to get to the markets.

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. Please make sure to take a peek at the bulletin boards to see all the events that NHRC has as well as local events throughout our community.

Mission of the Months:
January – Hope on a Mission – $285.00
February – Community Action Partnership - $325.00
March – St. James Episcopal Church Food Pantry - $515.00
April – Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls - $405.00
May – Grace Smith House - $315.00
June – Hudson Valley Hospice - $465.00
July – Dutchess Interfaith Council - $351.00
August – Acts of Kindness - $420.00
September – Literacy Connections of HV - $315.00
November – Fishkill Food Pantry
St. Marys Food Pantry
Zion Food Pantry
December – Regional Food Bank
Church World Service



Easter Special Offering: $1,320.00
Thanksgiving Special Offering:
Christmas Special Offering:

Liberty Station: We continue to help our American Heroes by donating food, health supplies as well as bedding and towels. Bins are located by the Pastors Office and in the Gathering Area.

Missionaries:

Outreach is discussing a new Missionary that will start in 2027. One Missionary is The Apache Reformed Church. Their roots in mission work at nearby Fort Sill dating back to 1895. Frank Wright was sent as a Missionary to the Fort Sill Apache's who were prisoners of the US Army and had been relocated several times. When the tribe was finally released, they moved to Apache where they began their own congregation. The Apache Reformed Church includes members of the Apache, Comanche and Kiowa Tribes.

The other possible Missionary is Jennifer Lucking out of Canada. Her program is dealing with Human Trafficking.

The Fields – Columbia We contacted RCA Global Missions to see if they were OK following the recent earthquake in that country. Thankfully, they were not affected so we will continue to support them as always.

Budget Updates: Thanks to the extremely generous help from the congregation, the Outreach Budget has had some surplus.

We distributed funding to the following:



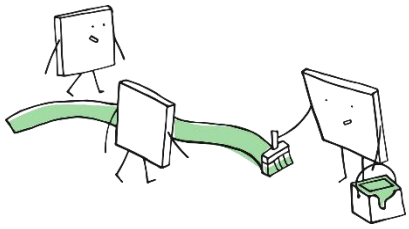
$300 – To support our CROP Walk walkers
$500 – Dutchess Outreach
$500 – Hope on a Mission
$500 – American Heart Association
$500 - National Kidney Foundation
$500 – Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
$500 – Grace Smith House

Outreach Council is a very busy group and are always looking for more members. If you are interested is helping to serve the community, you are welcome to join us. We could always use more ideas of where we could help serve where there is a need. If you have any ideas or you would like to join the council, please feel free to contact Arra Mowry.

Boundary Awareness Training

November 21 - Rhinebeck Reformed OR November 28 - Old Dutch, Kingston - 8am-5pm
Let either Liz Miedowski or Sherry Seney know and we will get you registered. Let's get a group together and we can provide transportation for anyone who does not want to drive.

Healthy boundaries are a gift, especially for faith leaders. Those who serve and nurture others are guides giving shape to our relationships. In ministry and teaching, boundaries clarify who the pastor is and who the congregant is so that safe spaces and relationships are created. Ministers, consistory members, staff, and Sunday school teachers are expected to take this training, but anyone interested can attend.



Potential topics include: Internet and technology use, social media, church finances, relationships (friendship, dating, sexuality, etc.), sexual misconduct, self-care, child protection, and policy writing.

Facilitators will be Rev Greg Town and Rev Kendra VanHouten, who are trained facilitators in Boundary Awareness Training through FaithTrust Institute and are dedicated to creating spaces of learning and conversation to benefit all leaders in keeping our churches and our relationships safe and healthy.

No cost for members of churches in the Classis of the Hudson Valley
$20 at the door for all others
Lunch will be provided

A Ministry of the Hudson Valley Classis
Fall 2026 Course Offering

Key Words in Hebrew & Greek (General Interest)

Instructor: The Rev. Jay Vogelaar
Dates: Tuesdays, Nov. 10 & 17, Dec. 1 & 8, 7-9 p.m.
Location: Via Zoom
Tuition: $75, plus books and materials

This is a beginner's introduction to the Hebrew and Greek alphabets and how to find our way around word translations. We will not go into vocabulary drills, verb declensions, or grammar. We will develop a practical care for and appreciation of word meanings and nuances that are often lost in English translation.

Course registrations need to be received by the Registrar one week prior to the course unless otherwise stated. All registrations and tuition need to be mailed to the Registrar unless other arrangements are made in advance. Please register in time to insure the class will run.

Scholarships are available from the School. Please contact SCLS Treasurer Desiree Albizu for financial assistance at desireeralbizu@gmail.com

SCLS Registration Form

Name_____ Phone no. _____

Postal address_____

Email address_____

Church affiliation_____

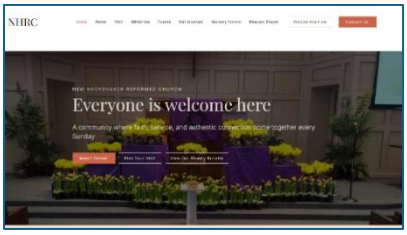
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Please make checks payable to The School for Christian Living & Serving or SCLS. Thank you.

NHRC Website

If you have content to be updated on the website and/or have an event you would like shared, **please reach out to our Office Administrator, Nicole Suranofsky, at** office@nhrc-church.org. Nicole will now be managing the website maintenance.



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.

Time to Order 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 13th

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

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*

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

