



September 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>

Sept 6th: Communion Sunday/Labor Day Weekend

(Last 9am Service)

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Liz Miedowski

Sept 13th: Children and Worship Return/Pancake Breakfast

Rev. Jack Branford

Assisting: Pam Kara

Sept 20th:

Rev. Duncan Nichol

Assisting: Janet Bass

Sept 27th: Commissioning Service

Preaching Elder Pat Meaney

Preaching Elder Sherry Seney

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A Message From Miss Tina



September has a way of feeling like a second New Year. Backpacks are packed, schedules reset, and there's a certain electricity in the air – the sense that something new is beginning. In the church calendar, it's a wonderful time to think about roots. Just as a tree needs strong roots before it can grow tall branches, our faith needs steady roots – in prayer, in Scripture, in community – before it can weather whatever the year brings.

Jesus told a story about a farmer scattering seed on different kinds of ground (Luke 8:4-15). Some seed fell on shallow soil, and sprung up quickly, but withered just as fast because it had no root. Other seed landed in good soil and grew strong. That's our prayer for every family here this season; not just quick growth, but deep roots – the kind that holds steady through busy weeks, hard days, and everything in between.

Whether you're 7 or 70, September is a good month to ask; what's helping my roots grow deeper this year? Maybe it's daily prayer, maybe it's reading the Bible, maybe it's showing up together on Sunday mornings. Whatever it is, we're glad to be planting along side of you this season.

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

Church School Begins!

We look forward to welcoming our children back! Church School will begin on **September 13th**.

Our Children in Worship 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.

Youth older than 8th grade will attend worship with their families.

Please contact the church office with any questions.





Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship



We will need flower sign-ups for October 4th, 18th, 25th. 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

Our annual **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, Sept 13th** right after the 10 am service. *(please note that the service time is back to 10am starting the 13th)*. We will be serving regular, blueberry and gluten-free pancakes, brown and serve sausages, fruit salad, coffee, tea, water, and juice. Come join us!

The **Ships Ahoy Pasta Collection** to benefit local food pantries and Liberty Station will take place from **Sunday, Oct 4th - Sunday, Oct 25th**. All kinds of shelf stable pasta, sauce and cheese, as well as canned pasta like Chef Boyardee will be gratefully accepted. Start looking for sales in September!

SAVE THE DATES! *(More info on these events will follow)*

Friday, Oct 16th: 7pm - Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joey Cavaccini will be hosting a program about Haunted Places in Dutchess County.

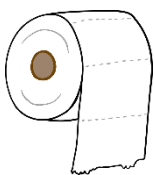
Sat. Nov 7th - Sun. Nov 8th – Annual Handmade Card Sale

Friday, Nov 13th: 5:00-6:30pm - Franca Petrillo will make her exceptional sauce, and Jeff Wright will make his incredible meatballs for our spaghetti dinner.

Saturday, Dec 12th: 5pm - We will host a potluck dinner!



Property Notice - Restrooms



We ask the congregation to flush only toilet paper in the restrooms. We had the church septic tank pumped recently. They discovered an unusual amount of "flushable" wipes and paper towels. Those items create clogs. Although the manufacturers state their wipes are "flushable," they do not dissolve or break up in the septic system, as toilet paper is designed to do. Please refrain from flushing them.

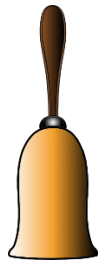


Campanola Ringers

Campanola Ringers will startup rehearsals on September 21st. We practice weekly Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm in the balcony.

Anyone interested in joining us please contact Pat.

Pat McCullough, Handbell Choir Director
pat.sightandsound@gmail.com OR 845-240-6451 voice/text



Crop Walk - Golden Anniversary CELEBRATION!!!

Our Dutchess Co. Interfaith Council CROP Hunger Walk is 50 years old! Yes, we have been supporting our local walk all these years to help feed the hungry at home and around the world. We invite YOU to celebrate with us. Our goal this year is \$2,500. As always, 25% of our contributions stay right here in Dutchess County.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th is the day of our walk. Walkers are welcome between 10am and 2pm. Our route this year is shorter at 5km. An information table will be set up in the Gathering Area beginning on Sunday, September 20th. There you may make a contribution and/or sign up to walk.



You can also donate online or with your phone at any time.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/new.hackensack.reformed.church>
or use the QR code.

Let's work and walk together to make hunger a problem of the past!

Thank you.
Mary Ann Bahnsen, Team Captain



New Hackensack Nursery School



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

Hello everyone,
I hope that you all enjoyed the summer months.

We are gearing up for another great year here at New Hackensack Nursery School. Our program is thriving, and we are grateful for the opportunity to again serve our community.

We had an eventful summer with our summer camp program. The teachers led a wonderful, interactive program. Thanks to the incredible job that our staff does, families who joined us for just a week ended up signing their children up for more weeks!



We have also worked out the details for our 2's program, which will begin in mid-September.

We are looking forward to a busy, fun-filled year. Fall will be busy as the children get to know each other and the teachers, enjoy field trips, and get ready for the fall holidays!

We appreciate your continued support. Please feel free to stop by and visit!

Wishing us all a happy, healthy fall,
Abby Garcia
for New Hackensack Nursery School

Piggy Bank Bazaar

1976 50th Anniversary 2026

A Craft Fair for Children



Hello Everyone,

Ahhh...September is here! And getting closer to Our Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar, to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 9am to noon.

Attention: Volunteer Sign Up Begins this September! That's right!

We are so excited that sign-up sheets will be available this month for 100+ volunteers that are needed for this bazaar to run smoothly. Our Chairman, Pat Meaney, meaneypj@gmail.com is eager to hear from you to volunteer or suggest advertising ideas. Come be a part of this year's 50th event and share the fun!

We will be starting our Wednesday Morning Workshop on September 9th, and every Wednesday until bazaar day. We invite you to join us this fall in the Education Center, in rooms 13 & 15, from 9:30am to 11:30 am. We have simple crafty kits up to the more involved kits to work on. All kits come with instructions and supplies. We also have finished gifts that need price tagging.

Piggy Bank Bazaar appreciates donations very much we **have A Great Big Piggy Thank You for all your donations and support.** **Some supplies we are still in need:** silk flowers, floral foam, floral moss, polyester fiber fill, pompoms, and for bazaar day: we will need gift tags, tissue paper, ribbon, bows, scotch tape, pens, and large paper bags with handles. All donations can be placed in room 15 on Sundays, or you can call the church office mornings 845-462-0810 to gain access to the building during the week.

Sooo, if you love meeting new people and creating Christmas Gifts, this is the place for you. We are made up of community & church member volunteers and look forward to meeting you all soon!

Cindy Corish, for the Wednesday Morning Workshop



“My Heartfelt Thanks”

Dear Church Family:

My heartfelt thanks for the beautiful cards, phone calls, and emails sent with regard to my recent surgery. The wonderful part of modern medicine is that as we age and our bodies wear out, it is possible to receive a replacement part.



God watched over me as I was able to be admitted to the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital where I received two weeks acute physical therapy. I occupied the same bed my Grandson, Oliver, did when he was there two years ago after suffering a skydiving accident.

I'm learning that patience is a virtue and thankful to be home where I am receiving in-house physical therapy. My goal is to once again be able to join you in Sunday Worship.

Our church is unique in that so many of you take time out of your lives to remember those of us who undergo difficulties in life, and to bring some sunshine into our lives. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Most Sincerely,
Carole DeWoody

Outreach Council September 2026 News



Food Closet: Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate food. We certainly appreciate it as does the local Food Pantries. Any kind of non-perishable food will be happily accepted. Once a month we deliver to a food pantry. We rotate so all the local pantries are included. Anything donated exclusively for Liberty Station will indeed be delivered to the Vets. Bins are located in the Gathering Area as well as upstairs near the Pastors Office.

Senior Meal Volunteers: The new 2026 Volunteer Sign-up sheet is available on the Info Table in the Gathering Area. **September and December are still available.**

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross was here at New Hackensack on July 28th and 31 pints were collected. **The next drive will be October 20th, 2026.**

Clothing Bin: **\$3,382.67 has been received through July.** We are very happy with the donation turnout. This brings in a nice amount of funds that is immediately transferred to the Property Budget. As you know, Property has been making a great deal of much needed upgrades and repairs to our beautiful church, so any little bit helps to cover these costs. We get a lot of support from the Nursery School families as well as local Thrift Shops who donate clothing items that they no longer have room to store.



Ladies' Lunch Gathering: The next Ladies Gathering will be September 16th, 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.

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. Nicole is displaying the MANY opportunities that NHRC has to offer as well as informational notices. She also displays the thank you notes NHRC receives for your donations. Please take a moment and look at them. Outreach appreciates all the beautiful posters that Nicole designs for all of our events.

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

Easter Special Offering: \$1,320.00

Venezuela Earthquake Relief via Church World Service: \$795.00

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.

Outreach has been keeping up with the status of our two Missionaries:

Josh Bode – Oman – Has returned to the States due to the unrest in the Middle East. We continue to support him financially, however, we will be discussing this with RCA Global Missions to possibly put him on hold until he either accepts another Missionary assignment or returns to Oman in the near future.

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.

As always, Outreach Council is always looking to add new members to the team that can bring any new ideas that can help the community as well as those among us in our church family.



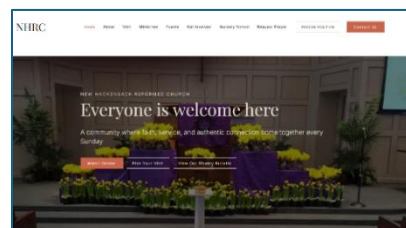
Strength and Balance



Exercise Classes for seniors are now meeting Tuesdays and THURSDAYS at 10:45am in RM 13. (This is a change from the previous Tue/Fri schedule and will allow for easier weekend planning.) For more information contact Peggy Long at peggylongrn@hotmail.com.

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.

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

