

New Hackensack Reformed Church  
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Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn, Senior Pastor

# December 2024



Dear Members and Friends of New Hackensack Reformed Church,

Greetings to you this Advent/Christmas season.

Our Advent/Christmas season is filled this year with many opportunities to connect with one another, and with God. **The theme this season is: "HOPE MADE REAL DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS"** Advent reminds us that our future is not solely in our hands. With God's Grace, God shall bring to glorious completion all the good works of this world in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This makes our Hope real as we watch and wait with great anticipation for the birth of our Lord.

There are three special opportunities that I want to highlight.

- Saturday, December 7: Our Annual Piggy Bank bazaar, a wonderful family event.
- Saturday, December 14: The annual service of remembrance for our loved ones.
- Sunday, December 15: "Chalk Art with Elva" – This is a family evening when we sing and watch as Elva brings to life through her art, the celebration of the birth of Christ.

"Our Hope Made Real" concludes with our beautiful Christmas Eve services on December 24. Our family friendly candlelight service will be held at 5:00 p.m. and our Lessons and Carols candlelight service will be held at 8:00 p.m.

**Below is a listing of our worship schedule and holiday opportunities for Advent/Christmas.** Our December and Christmas Eve special offering this year will be divided between the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, and our local Meals on Wheels program. There are special offering envelopes in your church envelope box, as well as in the church pews.

On behalf of the staff and consistory, I offer my warmest Christmas greetings to each of you, and I look forward to believing that our HOPE is made real during these challenging days.

May God Bless you during this season of Christmas,

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES**

## **ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2024**

Sunday Morning Worship / Sunday School / Children and Worship - 10:00 A.M.  
(ALL SERVICES ON LINE AND IN PERSON)

Facebook ~ YouTube ~ NHRC website <http://nhrc-church.org/index.html>



December 1: ADVENT I -- CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
Scripture: Mark 13: 24-37  
Message: "Keep Awake – Look for the Hope"

December 7: PIGGY BANK BAZAAR -- Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12 noon  
"Come One – Come All"

December 8: ADVENT II  
Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-6 and Romans 15: 4-13  
Message: "Advent... God's Journey Toward Us"

December 14: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE -- Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
(Come and remember your loved ones who have passed away.)

December 15: ADVENT III  
Scripture: Matthew 2: 18-25  
Message: "Look For The Peace"

December 15: A Very Special Evening – CHALK ART WITH ELVA! -- 5pm  
(Details to follow)

December 22: ADVENT IV  
Scripture: Luke 1: 39-55  
Message: "Yes! -- There is Hope!"

December 24: Evening Worship -- CHRISTMAS EVE  
5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Service – Scripture and Candlelight  
8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols – "Candle Light Service"

December 29: Family Worship Service -- 10:00 a.m. -- Nursery Care Available

# Youth Group Baking Night!



**Wednesday December 4th 2024 5:30pm-8pm**

Our Youth Group is hosting a fun baking night! Come join us at New Hackensack Reformed Church. We are going to bake a bunch of different goodies to sell at the Piggy Bank Bazaar.

Stop by or stay for the whole time.



If you can make it and want to donate ingredients, please contact Chelsea [cbender328i@gmail.com](mailto:cbender328i@gmail.com)

Thank you all for your ongoing support  
Chelsea



## A Message from Miss Tina

This is the season that Christians throughout the world, anticipate and celebrate with awe and wonder; as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. In this season, let's remember the greatest gift; God's love given to us through this tiny baby, born in a manger. Adults, let's nurture that love in our hearts and share it with others. Kids, remember Jesus' kindness and let it shine through your actions. Let's go into the new year being more like Jesus than ourselves. Merry CHRISTmas everyone.

Blessings to all of you,

*Miss Tina*

Interim Christian Ed Director



## **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 15th**

*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



# **Piggy Bank Bazaar**

## **A Craft Fair for Children**

Hello Everyone, **It's Time!!!**

**The 48th Annual Piggy Bank Bazaar is Saturday, December 7th, 2024, from 9am to noon** here at the New Hackensack Reformed Church.

No gift over \$3.00 and gift wrapping is FREE. Children should bring with them their money and a shopping list.

The bazaar entrance is next to the Fellowship Hall along the main driveway.

**ALL Volunteers helping at the Bazaar should arrive at 8:30am.**

We are READY! **6,200** crafty, homemade items are available and arranged by tables in 6 rooms as gifts for children, women, men, pets, personalized, flower arrangements, plants, and the Christmas decorations room, photographers will be on hand to take a small photo of your child and put them in an ornamental frame just in time for Christmas. Cashiers will be in the center hallway.

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 refreshments are available.

The bazaar is open to adults wishing to shop from Noon to 12:30pm. The Youth Group will be sponsoring a bake sale. (Volunteer Bakers can bring their holiday treats to the kitchen on December 6th or on Bazaar Day.) Also, Volunteers bring a snack to share to our Break Room, in room 7 for Friday and Saturday.

Note: if the Bazaar has to be cancelled, due to inclement weather on December 7th, the snow date will be Sunday, December 8th from noon to 3pm. Information about the cancellation will be posted on the church's answering machine.(845-462-0810).

We encourage all of you to invite your family and friends to come to our Bazaar. (Email, Facebook). THE BAZAAR IS ONE GROUP EFFORT and there is still time for a few more Volunteers to join in the magic and give us a hand. **SIGN UP SHEETS** are in the gathering area, or to be a Volunteer, contact Franca Petrillo at 845-453-5261.

**Wednesday, December 4th** - Sorting of Gifts Day in rooms 13 and 15 at 9am. We need many volunteers to move gifts from the huge pile in rooms 13 and 15 to the gift table destinations. If time permits, we will also be doing the inventory of the many gifts. See you there!

**Friday, December 6th**- SET UP DAY at 9am. Volunteers to move chairs and tables for set-ups in the Fellowship Hall, refreshment areas, hallway, gift wrapping areas, gifts onto tables in 6 rooms, signs to be hung and placed, cashier and guide areas setups. Empty cardboard boxes will need to be recycled.

**Saturday, December 7th**- BAZAAR DAY- all Volunteers helping at the Bazaar should arrive at 8:30am.

**AFTER the Bazaar** at 12:30pm -CLEAN UP TIME- Volunteers are needed to help pack up gift wrapping, unsold gifts, move tables and chairs, sweep the floors, collect the trash, and finally, move the boxes to the basement storage. If you haven't signed up, feel free to volunteer to help us to put everything back in order. (Whew)

Piggy Bank Bazaar has given \$1,800 in donations this year. These donations have benefited the Church Property Fund and the New Hackensack Nursery School. We have also received many donations of craft supplies, beautiful jewelry, gifts to sell, and gift wrapping.



Our most sincere thanks from our church family, to the 2024 Piggy Bank Leadership Committee – Franca Petrillo, Arra Mowry, Joan Heller, and Irene Moody. Thank you for taking on this huge responsibility. While Carol Ray continued to lead the Wednesday morning workshops, the four of you handled the logistics, advertising, and the millions of details that needed attention. Thank you for shouldering this commitment.

A MOST GRATEFUL GREAT BIG PIGGY BANK THANK YOU to Pat Meaney for becoming our 2025 Piggy Bank Bazaar Chairman! Thank you, Pat, for joining in the fun. We look forward to working together with you. Sincerely, the Piggy Bank Bazaar Members.

We extend **A GREAT BIG PIGGY BANK THANK YOU** to all the people who have helped make this Bazaar such a joy to run!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cindy Corish(for the Wednesday Morning Workshop) and our NHRC family and friends

PS The Wednesday Morning Workshop helpers will take a vacation after the Bazaar and will resume meeting in February. Please be on the lookout 👁️ for new craft ideas for the 2025 Bazaar.



## Remembrance Service

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am – in person and online  
Come and remember your loved ones who have passed

## Chalk Art with Elva!!



Sunday evening, Dec. 15 we will have a very special family event. We will sing and watch as Elva brings to life through her art, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Details to follow.

# Sunday School & Children and Worship And Nursery Care



The Children in Worship program is for ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.  
Parents and children should go directly to room 9 in the education wing.

Sunday School is for children and youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
They will attend the first part of the worship service in the sanctuary and will then  
be dismissed to Sunday School in the Youth Room

Nursery Care for children under 3 is available  
at morning Worship services.



## New Hackensack Nursery School

**MOTTO :**

*“We encourage, nurture, and teach ...they explore, learn, and flourish”*

Dear New Hackensack Reformed Church Family,

We are celebrating such a wonderful time of the year, and we hope that you are all experiencing the joy of this season.

The children enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast as they gathered with their school friends. They sang, shared stories about the first Thanksgiving, and ate delicious snacks. They also discussed all that they are grateful for and how they can share what they have with others. We donated and collected items for Liberty Station, a well-loved organization of the church.

We are busy preparing for the holidays, and the children are practicing the songs that they will perform at our Holiday concerts. These concerts will take place in the Sanctuary on Monday, December 16, at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, December 17, the concert is at 9:30.

January is also a busy month. We will hold our annual Kindergarten Readiness program. For this event, a local Kindergarten teacher visits our school and provides parents with vital information that they will need as they prepare their preschooler for next September. Also in January we host our Open House. Families join us to tour our classrooms and meet our teachers as we prepare for Registration, which begins in February. It is always a busy, productive time here at New Hackensack Nursery School!  
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Regards, *Abby Garcia* on behalf of New Hackensack Nursery School



## **FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

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.



## **Dutchess Interfaith 2024 CROP HUNGER WALK Final Report**

Praise God for the wonderful response to our CROP Hunger Walk this year. Thank you to all who helped us raise \$2259. We exceeded our goal of \$2200 to feed hungry people PLUS 25% of that will stay right here in Dutchess County to assist Dutchess Outreach, Fishkill Food Pantry, Community Action Partnership, Beulah Baptist Soup Kitchen, and St. Paul's Food Pantry. Your support makes a difference in our community and our world. With sincere appreciation,  
*Mary Ann Bakensen*, Team Captain

## **Thank You for the Help on the Property Clean Up Day!**



The 25 participants in the Annual Property Clean-Up on November 2, 2024

Jack Adams  
Justin, Luke, and Cara Lomas  
Donna and Fred Freck  
Heather Bosko  
Tom Gander  
Jeff Wright  
Anthony, Angela, and Arwen Foppiano  
Tina Brent

Pat Meaney  
Don Vinchkoski  
Jerry Carey  
Duncan and Betsy Nichol  
Laura Safran  
Chelsea Bender and Chris Hlywa  
Geoff, Alex, and Graham Bass  
John Licari

Thank You Very Much

*John Licari*, Property Committee Chairperson





## **Congregational Life Council Thank You!**



Many thanks to all who came out to support our Handmade Card Fundraiser for the Kitchen Fund! We sold \$807.50 worth of cards!! We are now in the process of figuring out how best to spend that money in the kitchen, and will keep you updated.

Our Pasta Collection was a great success. We collected 90 boxes of pasta, 32 jars of sauce, 11 cans of sauce, 3 grated cheese, 30 Chef Boyar Dee, 12 mac and cheese, and 4 pasta soups. The food was donated to the Zion Food Pantry, St. Mary's Food Pantry, Liberty Station, and Our Daily Bread. A lot of families will have a hearty meal, thanks to everyone who donated.



**Wishing you peace and joy  
this Christmas season as we celebrate the  
birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
See you in church or online!**