



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 12-15-2024

NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH

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### WELCOME

- Assisting with Worship this third Sunday in Advent, is Elder Arra Mowry.
- The December Mission of the Month and Christmas offering will go to Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and Meals on Wheels of Wappingers. Please use the Christmas offering envelopes to contribute to these funds. Envelopes are in the pews and in the box with your pledge envelopes.

### FLOWERS

- The flowers today are given by Franca Petrillo in honor of the NHRC members and the many blessings that she's received by being a part of this church.

### CHALK ART WITH ELVA -- TONIGHT

- **THIS evening, Dec. 15 at 5:30**, 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. The program will be followed by cookies in Fellowship Hall.

### PIGGY BANK BAZAAR—THANK YOU

- A huge thank you to everyone who made the 48th Piggy Bank Bazaar such an incredible success! We're so grateful for each and every person who helped—whether you set up, ran the bazaar, or conquered the epic cleanup. You're all amazing!  
Extra shout out to our snack heroes who kept the volunteers fueled with cookies, sandwiches, and treats—teamwork never tasted so good!  
This year, we welcomed 265 little shoppers, sold an impressive 3,211 gifts, and raised an amazing \$4,652!  
Thank you for your kindness, energy, and generosity—you truly made this event sparkle! ♥

### DONATION TREE IN GATHERING AREA

- As we have done the last two years, the tree in the gathering area is filled with ornaments for \$10 each for our Samaritans purse effort. There are also mini Christmas stockings with a denomination on them to donate that amount. There is a metal tin on the pew by the tree to put your cash in. This

is on the honor system. (It is also where you can place the mini Christmas stocking if that's how you choose to donate.) Thank you in advance for your participation in this holiday tradition.

Tina Brent, Interim Christian Ed Director

### LAST DAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

- Today is the last day to order a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Please fill out an order form and make a check payable to NHRC, memoed "poinsettia". Order forms are available in the Gathering Area, and the church newsletter, and may be downloaded from the church website.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

- For those who requested offering envelopes for 2025, they are available in the side narthex.
- If you would like them mailed to you, or if you did not request envelopes, but would like them, please contact Ginger Trimble or the church office.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

- Children and Worship takes place in room 9 for ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Children younger than 3 may go to the Nursery.
- Children and youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed during the Worship service to attend Sunday School, in the youth room.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~~ Please join us!

- 5:00pm Family-Friendly Service – Scripture and Candlelight
- 8:00pm Lessons and Carols – "Candle Light Service"

### FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

- In the center aisle ends of the pews, are Friendship pads. Please fill this out, pass it to the person sitting next to you, and then pass it back. This helps us keep track of members and contact visitors.

*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Ps 118:24*