

Church Calendar

This Week

January 1

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
Sound/Video- Jess Ruit
Projector- Teddy Villani
Nursery- Cheryl Cusack, Amy Vande Streek
KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Kelly Delaney
Coffee- Margaret Van Dam, Lynn Walker
KidsSpace- OFF

Next Week

January 8

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber
Sound/Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Jess Ruit
Nursery- Alyssa Morin, Lynn Walker
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Sue Grimm, Josh Baron
Coffee- Bob & Janet Jacobs
KidsSpace-

-January- Special Collections

January 1- Benevolence
January 8- EC Tuition Aid
January 15- Building Fund
January 22- New Hope
January 29- World Renew

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- *"TEN THOUSAND REASONS"*
"GOODNESS OF GOD"

LITANY OF YEAR'S END & YEAR'S BEGINNING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*PROFESSION OF FAITH- *THE APOSTLE'S CREED*

*SONG OF PREPARATION- *"GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE"*

SCRIPTURE- *1 KINGS 8: 54-61*

SERMON- *"AS HE WAS WITH OUR ANCESTORS..."*

*SONG OF RESPONSE- *"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- *"THE BLESSING"*

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, January 1,

- We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY, January 8,

- Is Epiphany Sunday

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we head into the new year, we continue to look for volunteers on Sunday morning. We are always looking for more nursery volunteers (come snuggle babies!), door monitors (help keep us safe!), projector (help our service run smoothly!), coffee serving (foster fellowship and friendship!), and most especially sound/video volunteers. Right now, we have our sound/video volunteers on once a month, which is the most of any schedule we run. Please consider volunteering for this schedule. You can be trained in one week and help is always available! We also are always looking for KidsChurch, KidSpace, Chosen and coffee serving volunteers! Please contact Kelly in the church office to be added to any of our 2023 schedules.

LADIES: We’re excited to start a new Bible study for the new year. We’ll be looking at Revelation and will be using a series of videos by Lew Vander Meer, called “God Wins, A Look at the Mysteries of Revelation” to help us understand this book of the Bible. We listened to those of our friends who said they were not available on Wednesdays, so we will now meet on **Thursdays** at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall (that’s the big room downstairs). The nursery door will be unlocked so you can enter that way. Our first meeting will be this Thursday, January 5th at 10 am. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

KidSpace and Chosen will break from December 11th-January 1st and return to classes on Sunday, January 8th following our morning worship.

North East Community Transformation (NECT) is and has been a huge supporter of the Homeless Program that a lot of our area churches have participated in for many years. Due to circumstances over the past several years, the Homeless Program has been halted for the time being. We would like to continue our momentum of caring for those less fortunate and move forward with collecting winter items for those in our area who are currently without a home base. We are collecting men’s and women’s winter jackets, hats, gloves, warm socks, long

underwear, boots, etc. to be distributed on or around President's Day to the homeless people in our area. Please contact Steve Jefferson at stevejefferson24@gmail.com or 201-787-7125 with any questions and to coordinate a pickup or drop off on the items collected by January 15, 2023.

Unity’s K-5 After School Program in Prospect Park is looking for a caring and responsible person to help with after school care. This paid position includes walking with the group from school to the church, helping with daily homework, and engaging with children during play time. Hours are weekdays, 3-6 p.m. (days to be determined, depending on availability). Applicants must be 18 or older and support the mission of our organization. For more information or to apply, please contact Emily Hoffman at 978-435-1647 or unityasp339@gmail.com.

The God who created the world is not absent from it; God remains actively and covenantally engaged with creation. The church professes that God “still upholds and rules” the creation by his eternal providence (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26). God’s involvement in creation includes the power of preservation, by which he holds all created things in existence, and the power of supervision, by which God guides all people and events to the purposes he has intended. Our God is faithful!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ellen Van Dyk, who passed away on December 16th in Kalona, Iowa. Ellen was the wife of our former pastor, Wes Van Dyk.

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Don Brandes, Louise Butler, Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma, Helen Van Olden



1/3 Cheryl Cusack

1/5 Sue Grimm

1/5 Judy Van Dyk

1/8 Donna Hoogerhyde

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be hosting a farewell brunch to Pastor KC, Amy and their family in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 15th.

Please sign up no later than
JANUARY 8th!