

TODAY'S THE DAY!!

We are celebrating 125 years of Faith Community! Join us after church for a time of food, music, socializing, praise, and memories. There will be activities for all ages, including a bouncy slide, a petting zoo, trivia and crafts!



Church Calendar

This Week October 17

Door Monitor- Mark Van Kampen
Sound- Paul Cusack
Projector- Linda Van Lenten, Marissa Baron
Coffee Hour- Anniversary Celebration
Nursery- Morgan Damato, Janet Jacobs, Brooke Talsma
KidsChurch- Sally Ruitenbergh, Mary van der Meer

Next Week October 24

Door Monitor- John Everett
Sound- John Belanus
Projector- Teddy Villani
Coffee Hour- Margaret Van Dam, Bev Bentley
Nursery- Rachel Chiodo, Jan Englishmen
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Josh Baron



KC Vande Streek, Pastor
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

October 17, 2021

1896-2021: Celebrating 125 Years of God's Faithfulness

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

*OPENING SONGS- "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
"FOREVER"

LITANY OF PRAISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 1

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "COME THOU FOUNT OF
EVERY BLESSING"

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 13: 31-32

SERMON - "THE PERSISTENT TREE"

*SONG OF RESPONSE - "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, October 17,

- Is the twenty first Sunday after Pentecost
- We celebrate our 125th anniversary with a luncheon following the service

NEXT SUNDAY, October 24,

- Is the twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

Please follow along with today's responsive readings and songs via a separate document, found on our website under "About" > "Weekly Bulletin" > "October 17 Responsive Readings"

OFFICE UPDATES:

- Please note the office hours are **Monday - Thursday: 9 am- 1 pm**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies, please save the date! Saturday, October 30th we're planning on having brunch together in the Barn. This will be from 8:00-11:00 am and we are working on providing childcare. Plan on a time of food, fellowship and encouragement! If you're interested in helping with this event (planning, decoration, etc.), please contact Kelly in the church office. There is a signup sheet in the narthex so we can order accurately.

Meals are being scheduled for Paul & Cheryl Cusack following Paul's back surgery later this month. Please visit takethemameal.com and use the username "Cusack" and the password "faith" to sign up!

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is happening! Let's meet this Wednesday, October 20 at 9:30 am in the lower level of the church building. Please bring your book: *A. D. EXPLORE THE DEEPER MEANING OF THE BOOK OF ACTS* and your Bible. We will review Lesson 7, "A Wider Circle" at the meeting. You will be able to access the building through the nursery door. If you would like to come, but need transportation, please contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

SNL will be Sunday October 17th: 6-8 at Faith's Barn! We will have dinner together, a lesson music and games! Remember there will be pre-youth group games starting at 4:44 pm on the dot! Come for some games, a lesson and snack! Don't forget your mask! Any questions? Call or text Alley at 973-557-5013.

Children's Worship has a new name! It's KidsChurch! We are so happy to be back in session and welcome all kids, age 3 through first grade to join us for Bible stories, singing, activities and fun!

Our prayer group will continue to meet Thursday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. The Zoom email invitation will contain that week's prayer guide. For more information please contact the church office or Carol Dunning.

Questions for further reflection on this week's scripture and sermon:

1. Jesus often talks about the "Kingdom of God". What does he mean by that? Are the church and the Kingdom of God the same thing?

2. Mustard seeds are small but from them can grow a small garden tree (a large bush). Other than the incredible growth from humble beginnings, what are some other characteristics of the mustard plant that teach us what the Kingdom of God is like?

3. How has the life of Faith Community Church been a bit like a mustard plant?

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

John Van Olden remains in St. Joseph's Hospital in Wayne due to a variety of medical issues. Helen was also brought to the hospital this week but has since returned home.

Thank you so much to everyone for your constant support, prayers, cards, and words over the last many months as we continue our journey to parenthood. We are grateful to God to be able to announce that we are expecting a baby girl due in February 2022. We ask for your continued prayers and thank you for your love always.

- Jay & Jess Everett

Dear family and friends, thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers and physical help. I couldn't have done this journey without you. Please continue to visit CaringBridge for updates.

Link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/julannaklaasen>

Site Name: julannaklaasen

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Don Brandes, Louise Butler, Ron Dapp, Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma, John Van Olden



10/17 Edna Hoogerhyde