

We want to thank everyone who not only attended our 125th anniversary celebration, but also those who put countless hours into the planning, setting up, cleaning up, organizing, decorating and praying for this anniversary!

If you did not receive a goodie bag, please help yourself to one of the bags in the narthex.



Church Calendar

This Week October 31

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
Sound- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Jess Ruit
Coffee Hour- Phil & Judy Verrengia
Nursery- Cheryl Cusack, Sally Ruitenber
KidsChurch- Jan Kuiken, Kelly Delaney

Next Week November 7

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound- Stephen Miller, Teddy Villani
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Coffee Hour- John & Beth Milkamp
Nursery- Alyssa Morin, Amy Vande Streek
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Channing Vande Streek

Financial update:
General Fund collections:
\$305,650
General Fund budget:
\$299,509
Collections over budget:
\$6,141



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

October 31, 2021

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GOD'S GREETING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING SONGS-** *"THE REFORMATION HYMN"*
"BUILD MY LIFE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 44**

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"*

SCRIPTURE *HEBREWS 11*

SERMON - "THE FAMILY TREE"

***SONG OF RESPONSE – "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED"**

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY-** *"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"*

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, October 31,

- Is the twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, October 31,

- Is the twenty fourth 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 31 Responsive Readings"

OFFICE UPDATES:

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to announce that Emma Faasse has been hired for a part-time Ministry Coordinator position in which she will be focusing mostly on growing our children's ministry programs.

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!

Heirborne: Join us for a fall festival themed Heirborne on Wednesday, October 27th at Cedar Hill Church from 7-9 pm!

SNL: The next SNL will be Sunday, November 7th at Cedar Hill Church. We will not have SNL Sunday, October 31st!

Estimate of giving cards will be going out in the next few weeks. Please remember to turn yours in by November 24th so we can accurately create our 2022 budget. You can either respond via the card that will be mailed to you or on our website under "Member's Info". If you are prompted to enter a username and password, your username is your last name with your house number (Ex: Delaney149) and everyone's password is "Welcome1". Please contact Kelly if you have any questions.

The Midland Park Senior Crusaders will meet Wednesday, November 3rd at 9:30 am at Faith Reformed Church. There will be a video presentation of the 1,000 Islands region of NY and the renovated Boldt Castle. All seniors are welcome!

The Christian Singles of North Jersey, a ministry of Faith Community Christian Reformed Church, will meet for hiking or a leisurely walk on November 13th, weather permitting. The hikers will meet at the church/Barn at **1:30 pm** and will be divided into two groups to travel to different trails. The leisurely walkers' group will meet at the Barn at **2:10 pm**. While on the hike/walk, take time to enjoy God's creation. Please wear appropriate hiking/walking attire, bring your mask, and a water bottle. After the groups return from the hikes/walk, we

will have praise, prayers, and pumpkin pie in the picnic area by the Barn. For more information, please contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or by email. **The above will be cancelled if the weather is inclement.**

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study is happening! Let's meet this Wednesday, November 3rd at 9:30 am in the lower level of the church building. 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.

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.

KidSpace for children in grades 1-6 will meet upstairs in The Barn immediately after the worship service this morning. We can't wait to see you!

Hebrews 11 lists off a lot of people in the Old Testament. Those people were the spiritual ancestors of the ancient church (and they are our spiritual ancestors too!). Hebrews 11 doesn't just list a bunch of names in a genealogy, it says that this person "by faith" did such and such. A couple of thoughts for further reflection:

1. Reflect on your spiritual family tree and the folks listed in Hebrews 11. How does being "surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses" affect your faith?
2. Of the many actions taken by faith that are listed in Hebrews 11, are there one or two that made you say "Wow. I can't believe God gave them the strength to do that"?
3. In your biological family tree, are there a few folks that had a significant impact on who you are and where you live now?
4. Reflect on your own life. What is something that you were able to do through God's strength, "by faith" that has had an impact on the family of God?

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

John Van Olden has returned to Christian Health and continues to regain strength.

Thank you so much to our Faith Community Family for all the support during Simon's recent surgery and recovery. Your prayers, cards, and well-wishes were greatly appreciated! Thank you also to all those who provided us with meals and food. Your care and kindness helped us through a difficult time and made a lasting impact. Thank you! Love, Simon, Laura, Luke, and Oliver Royle

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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



10/31 Marissa Baron

11/1 Janet Faber

11/5 Rob Flim