

Church Calendar

This 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

Next Week November 14

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber
Sound- Jess Ruit
Projector- Phil Verrengia
Coffee Hour- Tom & Linda Dykhous
Nursery- Dana Miller, Lynn Walker
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Josh Baron

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



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

November 7, 2021

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- "HOLY IS THE LORD"
"THE WAY"

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 45

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "LORD, I NEED YOU"

SCRIPTURE GALATIANS 5: 13-26

SERMON - "FRUIT TREES"

*SONG OF RESPONSE - "I SURRENDER ALL"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "SPIRIT SONG"

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, November 7,

- Is the twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, November 14,

- Is the twenty fifth 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" > "November 7 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. Please visit takethemameal.com and use the username "Cusack" and the password "faith" to sign up!

SNL: The next SNL will be TONIGHT, Sunday, November 7th at Cedar Hill Church. The meeting starts at 6 pm and the Sunday Games start at 4:44 pm. If you're in High School, we hope to see you there!

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 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 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!

1. What does Galatians 5 tell us our freedom is for? So that we can do *what* we want, *whenever* we want? So that we don't have to follow rules/guidelines put in place by our parents or workplaces or government? What does our freedom allow us to do?

2. There's an important footnote that we should see here: when the word "flesh" is used in this section of scripture, it doesn't simply mean the physical human body. In this context (and in some other places in scripture) the Greek word "sarx" is used. It means, "the sinful state of human beings". "Sarx" is used here as a power that is in opposition to the work of the Spirit. Why might it be important to note that the struggle here is not "body vs. spirit" but "sarx (sinfulness) vs. spirit"?

3. Why is it significant that the metaphor for life in the Spirit is fruit, as opposed to "characteristics" or "traits" or "skill sets"? Note: the answer has to do with what fruit is, and how it comes to be. So, think about what it takes for fruit to grow...and think about what it takes for the fruit of the spirit to grow...

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Our family would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, meals and support during Paul's recent surgery. The procedure was a success, now the long recovery process has begun, and prayers and support are still greatly appreciated.
-Paul, Cheryl and Leah

Thanks be to God! The Everett family rejoices to announce the birth of John's second grandchild to his son Joe and daughter-in-law Sandy. Jonah Mark, born Nov.1, and his mother are doing well. Thanks be to God.

Thank you for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother. It means so much to be part of a kind and caring congregation. We are so grateful for the support of our church family.
- Dave & Barb Dykhouse

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

Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, and well wishes for my birthday. It was greatly appreciated!

- Catherine de waal Malefyt

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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

11/8 Liam Faasse

11/9 Willem Slump

11/10 Rafael Rivera

11/11 Jessica Moyer

11/12 Brad Talsma

11/13 Josh Moyer