

-March-
Special Collections

March 12- ECSA

March 19- Technology Fund

March 26- Madison Ave
Crossroads Community Ministry



March 25th- Women's
Lunch and High Tea

April 22nd- Baking
Freezer Party

Stay tuned for more
information!!

Church Calendar

This Week

March 12

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound/Video- Paul Cusack, Liam Faasse
Projector- Linda Van Lenten, Marissa Baron
Nursery- Dana Miller, Lynn Walker, Emilia Miller
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Karen Spano, Kaitlyn Belanus
Coffee- Bill & Jan Englishmen
KidsSpace- Bill Faasse
Prayers of the People- John Dyksen
Children's Message- Kathy Faasse

Next Week

March 19

Door Monitor- Ginny Hoogstra
Sound/Video- Stephen Miller, Teddy Villani
Projector- Phil Verrengia, Liam Faasse
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Sue Grimm, Jack Delaney
KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Erin Selby, Abigail Faasse, Taylor Selby
Coffee-
KidsSpace- Emma Faasse
Prayers of the People- John Everett
Children's Message- Bill Faasse

Our Children's Programs:

Our **KidsChurch** meets during the worship service, directly after the Children's Message. It's for children ages three- kindergarten. Our **KidSpace** program, for children in grades 1-4, meets right after the worship service, until 12 pm. In each of our programs children are learning what it means to be a Christian in every area of their lives!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GOD'S GREETING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING SONGS-** *"PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE
SOUND OF TRUMPET"
"GLORIOUS IS THY NAME"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***SONG OF ASSURANCE-** *"MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"THY WORD"*

SCRIPTURE- *1 SAMUEL 6: 1-12*

SERMON- *"COWS AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD"*

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"BEHOLD OUR GOD"*

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY-** *"SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD"*

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*



TODAY, March 12,

- Is the third Sunday in Lent
- Mr. John Dyksen will lead us in worship

NEXT SUNDAY, March 19,

- Is the fourth Sunday in Lent
- Rev. Sam Hamstra will worship with and lead us in worship

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting—Our Pastor Search Team has scheduled a congregational meeting to take place following our morning service on **March 19**. Our service that day will be led by Pastor Sam Hamstra, who is spearheading the efforts of the Rukes Search Group in working with our Search Team to identify our next pastor. The meeting will provide an opportunity for us to learn more about the search process and for Sam to learn more about us. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Council Notes: (1) Mr. John Dyksen was appointed as our Interim Pastor for 2023. In that role Mr. Dyksen will be leading our worship on a fairly routine basis throughout the year. Mr. Dyksen will also be providing pastoral care for those in our church family that may fall ill, or are shut-ins, or who may suffer a loss during this period. Mr. Dyksen's phone number is 973-464-3496. (2) Classis met on January 26, 2023, and appointed Rev. Mary Stegink to serve as our Classical Counsellor during the period of our vacancy. Rev. Stegink is formerly of Ridgewood CRC and is currently Pastor of the Ramapo Reformed Church. In her role as Classical Counsellor, Pastor Stegink will be available to the Council and the Search Team as and when needed. We are grateful to both Mr. Dyksen and Pastor Stegink for their willingness to serve in these capacities during our current vacancy.

Pastor Search Team Update: Our Pastor Search Team met this week, at which time we discussed the plans for Pastor Sam Hamstra's upcoming visit, talked about ways of obtaining feedback from this congregation and began to work on our church profile. Please plan to attend our March 19 worship service when Pastor Hamstra will bring God's Word to us and will facilitate a short informational meeting following the service. Our team asks for your prayers as we seek God's guidance in the search for our next pastor.

Council has approved creating a new photo directory. Please submit photos to Kelly via email or text (office@faithcommunitycrc.com or 973-634-4811) by MARCH 26th. If you would like a new photo taken of you or your family, photos will be taken today in the Barn, following morning worship. Council members will visit sick/shut ins to include them in this project if they choose to do so. Please contact Karen Spano or Kelly in the office with any questions.

Our next Heirborne meeting will be March 22nd from 7-9 pm at Cedar Hill! Our next SNL meeting is March 19th from 6-8 pm at Cedar Hill! Come join us for dinner, games, and a lesson!

When the plate is passed for our offering, please make sure you are only contributing towards the designated second collection. Offerings for the General Fund can continue to be placed in the box in the narthex.

LADIES: Join us on Thursdays for a study of Revelation. Our study begins at 10 am but come a little early to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us before our study begins. If you have any questions, please call Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

The shelves at the New Hope food pantry are getting empty, and they are in desperate need of donations. Please consider purchasing one (or more!) of the following items which will be delivered to New Hope weekly: pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, frosting, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, cooking oil, broth, juice, nuts, goldfish, pop tarts, granola bars, and deodorant. Cash donations can also be made. For those in our church family who worship from home, call Ginny Hoogstra and she will be happy to pick up your donations.

Spring is almost here! Now is the time to purchase your flats, hanging baskets and patio plants for a beautiful spring and summer! Spark of Hope's plant sale benefits The King's Village Schools in west Africa. Order online at tinyurl.com/sparkplants 23. If you prefer, paper order forms and a collection box can be found in the narthex. All orders must be placed by April 9 (Easter Sunday). Orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday, May 13 in time for Mother's Day! If you have any questions, please see Dan Grimm.

Dear beloved Church Friends, We are thrilled to invite you to our annual fundraising banquet, Hearts of Hope, where we will gather together as a community to celebrate and support the visible work that God is doing in our midst. The evening promises to be an unforgettable experience, filled with inspiring testimonies, heartwarming stories, and opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for making a difference in our community. This year's event will be held at the Westmount Country Club on Wednesday, April 26th, cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm and the program will begin at 7:00 pm. Hearts of Hope is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the victories that God has given New Hope and the community we share together over the past year. We have seen the transformative power of God's love firsthand in the lives of those we serve, and we are excited to share these stories with you. We also want to encourage you to invite your friends and family to this event and share the attached flier with them. The more people we have supporting our cause, the greater impact we can make in our community. We can't wait to see you at Hearts of Hope, and we thank you in advance for your generous support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Franchesca at franchesca@newhopecmnj.org.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Thank you so much to all those who provided meals, sent cards and gifts, and prayed for our family after the birth of Eloise. We are ever-grateful for our Faith Community Family for the support we have received as we transitioned to a family of five. With love, Simon, Laura, Luke, Oliver, and Eloise Royle

Thank you for the cards, prayers, meals, and words of comfort offered in the recent passing of my dad. They are what have sustained us through this time. Rob and Cindy Flim

SICK & SHUT-INS –
Don Brandes, Louise Butler,
Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma,
Helen Van Olden



3/12 Harry van der Meer

3/13 Lynn Walker

3/13 Cindy Flim

3/17 Luke Royle

3/17 Shirley Faber

3/18 Sue Dyer

3/18 Bob Mulder

3/19 Jim Putt

3/19 Mae van der Meer