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Special Collections

March 5- World Renew
Earthquake relief

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 5

Door Monitor- John Everett
Sound/Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Emily Lotz
Nursery- Alyssa Morin, Karen Spano
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Cheryl Cusack, Josh Baron
Coffee- Bev Bentley, Judy Van Dyk
KidsSpace- Emma Faasse
Prayers of the People- John Dyksen
Children's Message- Rev. Larry Spalink

Next Week

March 12

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



Faith
Community Church

Rev. Larry Spalink
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

March 5, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- "TEN THOUSAND REASONS"
"FOREVER"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF ASSURANCE- "CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"

SCRIPTURE- EPHESIANS 6: 10-20

SERMON- "IT'S NOT ME!"

*SONG OF RESPONSE- "STANDING ON THE PROMISES"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "THE BLESSING"

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*



TODAY, March 5,

- Is the second Sunday in Lent
- Rev. Larry Spalink will worship with and lead us in worship

NEXT SUNDAY, March 12,

- Is the third Sunday in Lent
- Mr. John Dyksen will 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 Sunday, March 5th 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.

The Christian Singles are planning to meet on March 11th at 6 pm for a meal of baked potatoes with various toppings, salad, and Irish soda bread. Plans for the evening include prayer, praises, videos, and discussions. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com.

Our next Heirborne meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th from 7-9 pm at Cedar Hill. **Our next SNL** will be TONIGHT, Sunday, March 5th from 6-8 pm at the Barn. Come join us for dinner, a lesson, and games! See you there!

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.

EVERYONE is invited to Family Fun Night! TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP! It will be held Friday, March 10th from 7-9 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Bunco for the adults and older kids, games for younger kids, and nursery for the youngest among us. Don't know how to play Bunco? Have no fear, it's easy peasy and instruction will be provided. Come on out for fun and fellowship and, of course, lots of snacks! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, just waiting for your name to be added to the list! Any questions, please contact Ginny Hoogstra at (201) 847-8967 or Linda Van Lenten at (973) 432-3783.

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 Brass Factory, a 24-member brass band in the British tradition, will play a concert titled "Music for Stage & Screen" on Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm at Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church. Robert F. Davis will conduct the ensemble. The program will feature the music of John Williams, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Henry Mancini, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Meredith Willson. These musical forms are tango, cakewalk, fanfare, concert march, and the blues. The selections for this concert are favorites you will recognize from 20th century classics seen between 1927 and 1986. The concert is free, although there will be a free will offering received as you leave.

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.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Louise Butler has returned home and will continue rehabilitation.

After 3 months of struggling with cancer my dad passed away on February 28th. Please keep our family in your prayers during this sad/happy time. - Rob Flim and family

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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



3/5 Trudie Pruiksma

3/5 Dan Vande Vrede

3/5 Donna Maas

3/10 Jess Everett

3/11 Roy Bushoven

3/11 Bob Ruit

3/12 Harry van der Meer