

This week we'll begin a new sermon series called "Live Well Now". We'll focus on how God leads us amid whatever we're facing in our lives. This is particularly relevant as May is Mental Health Awareness month. Our church has been impacted by the struggles of mental illness in many ways. In response to this, we have sought to bring awareness to the importance of mental health for years. We want to continue to love and support those who struggle with mental health, and to love and support all those impacted by it.

During "Live Well Now", we'll hear brief testimonials from members of our church. Each person will share a bit about what life has been like for them the last couple of years, and how God has been faithful to them and blessed them. While not specifically about mental health, one of the reasons for their testimonials is the hope that their stories will be an encouragement to you. That by hearing others' difficulties, yours will be normalized. That hearing of God's faithfulness in their lives will stir you to praise Him and reflect on how He is at work in your own life, as He teaches you to "Live Well Now".

Church Calendar

This Week May 1

Door Monitor- Roy Bushoven
 Sound/Video- Stephen Miller, Teddy Villani
 Projector- Jess Ruit
 Nursery- Amy Vande Streek, Judy Verrengia, Jack Delaney
 KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Josh Baron
 Coffee- Dennis & Jan Kuiken

Next Week May 8

Door Monitor- John Everett
 Sound/Video- Jess Ruit
 Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
 Nursery- Mary van der Meer, Jan Englishmen
 KidsChurch- Jan Kuiken, Mary van der Meer
 Coffee- Kelly Delaney, Trudie Pruiksma



May 1- Eastern Christian School Association

May 8- Eastern Christian Children's Retreat

May 15- Benevolence

May 22- Spark of Hope

May 29- New City Kids



KC Vande Streek, Pastor
 Rob Flim, Worship Leader

May 1, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- "WE WILL GLORIFY" & "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FOCUS ON FAITH: JULANNA KLAASEN

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "BE THOU MY VISION"

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 6: 25-34

SERMON – "LIVE WELL NOW- FACE FEAR"

*SONG OF RESPONSE – "ABIDE WITH ME"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

POSTLUDE

**if you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, May 1,

- Is the third Sunday in Easter

NEXT SUNDAY, May 8,

- Is the fourth Sunday in Easter

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our final KidSpace will be today upstairs in the Barn following this morning's worship service. Thank you to the parents of these children, for sending them each Sunday. We were blessed to have shared this time with them. They were such fun to be with! Please be sure to thank the teachers for their time and dedication: Tracy Baron, Barbara Belanus, Emily Lotz, Brooke Talsma, Linda VanLenten and Lynn Walker.

We are in need of more coffee servers! In order to keep this ministry running on a reasonable serving schedule, we need more volunteers. Please contact Trudie Pruiksmas or Kelly in the church office if you are willing to serve.

The Midland Park Senior Crusaders will meet Wednesday, May 4th at 9:30 am at Faith Reformed Church. There will be a video presentation on Italy by Rick Steves.

Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am. Our room can be reached through the outside door to the nursery. All ladies are invited to join us once, or every week, whatever works for you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

The Christian Singles will meet, weather permitting, on May 7th, for a hike, walk, or very leisurely walk. Please meet **in the parking lot** on time for the group you choose (hikers 3 pm/walkers 3:30 pm/leisurely walkers 4 pm). Groups will go to different sites. Please wear appropriate hiking/walking attire, bring your water bottle, and a mask for carpooling. Groups are to return to the barn around 5-5:30 pm for praise, prayers, and hot dogs. For more information, please contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com. **If the weather is bad the hike and walks are cancelled.** Dial 973-523-5072 on May 7th after 1 pm for a message about alternate plans.

Prayer meetings continue via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday evenings. We begin the meetings by reviewing one or two pages about an aspect of prayer from the book, *Learn to Pray, 66 Bible Prayer Passages Explained and Applied* by Robert M. West. Please join us. For more information, contact Carol Dunning at conawhy@yahoo.com or 973-523-5072.

Rockpoint Community Church is hosting a Yard Sale in their parking lot at 400 North Haledon Ave., North Haledon (Fellowship Hall in the event of rain) on Saturday, May 14 from 9am to 3pm. Please feel free to "stop and shop"!

Join Dr. Jeff Weima on Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (Oct 6-18, 2022):

Travel to biblical sites connected with Paul's missionary journeys in Greece: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth as well as Meteora and Delphi. Included is a fabulous 3-day cruise to Mykenos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Because the good news of
Easter can hardly be contained
in a single day's celebration,
Easter is only the first of fifty
days of Eastertide, the "Great
Fifty Days" that lead up to
Pentecost. This season is
designed for extended
celebration, for exploring the
ramifications of Easter for the
redemption of all creation, and
for joyful Christian living.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

My church family, I want to let you all know that the decision has been made to move forward with surgery on my back. The procedure is called a laminectomy. After doing more diagnostic injections, the surgeon feels there's a 60-70% chance of success. The date for the surgery is Friday, May 20th. I am so grateful for the hope this decision provides, and ask for your prayers for a successful outcome. Ginny Hoogstra

Church Family, Thank you so much for your continued prayers, cards, meals, gifts, calls, texts and love for us and our sweet Abigail. Your kindness has made us feel surrounded by love and has given us more than we could ever ask for as a family of three. We are blessed to be part of this church and so thankful that we get to worship our great God together. Abigail looks forward to meeting everyone soon. Love and blessings, Jay, Jess and Abigail

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Don Brandes, Louise Butler,
Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas,
Muriel Tolsma, Helen Van Olden,
Lois Veenstra

Happy Birthday!

5/5 Barbara Davis
5/5 Joseph DeJong