

Save The Date!

We are celebrating 125 years of Faith Community! Join us **October 17th** after church for a time of food, music, socializing, praise, and memories. There will be activities for all ages, including a bouncy slide, a petting zoo, trivia and crafts!



Church Calendar

This Week September 19

Door monitor- Bev Bentley
Sound- Paul Cusack
Projector- Emily Lotz
Coffee Hour- Bob & Janet Jacobs
Nursery- Dana Miller, Bev Bentley, Jack Delaney

Next Week September 26

Door monitor- Roy Bushoven
Sound- Paul Cusack
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Coffee Hour- Roy & Jeanne Bushoven
Nursery- Mary van der Meer, Judy Verrengia



KC Vande Streek, Pastor
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

September 19, 2021

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING SONGS-** *"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"*
"COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

125TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 38**

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"*

SCRIPTURE *GENESIS 2: 4-8, 15, 19-20*

SERMON - "THE TREE OF PURPOSE"

***SONG OF RESPONSE - "AS THE DEER"**

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "MAY THE LOVE OF GOD"**

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, September 19,

- Is the seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, September 26,

- Is the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord. If you are worshiping with us virtually, we encourage you to prepare your own elements at home.
- We have the opportunity to celebrate the baptisms of Mae van der Meer and Charles Tolsma

Please follow along with today’s responsive readings and songs via a separate document, found on our website under “About” > “Weekly Bulletin” > “September 19 Responsive Readings”

OFFICE UPDATES:

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Night Live Youth Group (9th through 12th graders): SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE is back! We hope you all had a great summer . . . and we can’t wait to start this year with all of you!! Our welcome back BBQ will be **TONIGHT**, Sunday, September 19 at the Barn from 6-8 pm. Follow us on Instagram for more details! Any questions about SNL? Call or text Alley at 973-557-5013.

Ladies, please save the date! Saturday, October 30th we’re planning on having brunch together in the Barn. This will be from 8:00-11:00 am and we are working on providing childcare. Plan on a time of food, fellowship and encouragement! If you’re interested in helping with this event (planning, decoration, etc.), please contact Kelly in the church office.

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!

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!

Meal are being requested for Simon & Laura Royle. Please visit takethemameal.com to sign up. The username is “Royle” and the password is “faith”.

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.

Christian Singles will meet October 4th at 4pm. We will be hosting a pumpkin scavenger hunt and lawn games by the Barn, followed by a time of food and fellowship. **This is not a potluck.** We will have hot dogs on the grill, condiments, chips, macaroni salad, dessert, and coffee. We will also have time for prayer, praises, and scripture. Those who would like to sing, play guitar, or read a poem are also invited to participate. Please bring a lawn chair, water bottle, and *if you attract mosquitos, bug repellent*. Also bring a jacket if the evening is cool. A freewill offering will be taken. **Since the activity is outside, if the weather is inclement, it will be cancelled.** Please contact Carol Dunning 973-523-5072 or email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com if you would like further information.

Questions for further reflection on this week’s scripture and sermon:

1. Have you ever caught yourself putting too much pride into your “work”, whether at a job or in parenting or in a hobby, to the point that you were convicted of neglecting your relationship with God because of that work? What happened that God let you know you needed to adjust?

2. Pastor and theologian John Piper has said, “your work has become idolatry when it’s the *root* and not the *fruit* of your acceptance, your status, your riches, your identity, which are all free in Christ.” What can you do this week to properly prioritize God, while still faithfully and joyfully engaging in the work that He has set before you?

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Dear family of Faith- Thank you all so much for all of the cards and calls of love and compassion in the passing away of my dear wife, Betty. Having been a member of Faith for all of the 66 years of our marriage together, she will be missed by all. I am so thankful to God our heavenly Father for His grace in taking Betty home where she is at peace. Love you all, Herm.

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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



9/19 Craig Jacobs

9/19 Ed Lotz

9/20 Renee Kobovitch

9/21 Dave Dykhouse

9/23 Krissy Vande Vrede

9/24 Agnes Crean