

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 26

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

Next Week October 3

Door monitor- Andrew van der Meer
Sound- Paul Cusack
Projector- Phil Verrengia
Coffee Hour- Trudie Pruiksma
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Tracy Baron, Marisa Baron
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Dana Miller



KC Vande Streek, Pastor
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

September 26, 2021

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS- *"I WILL ENTER HIS GATES"*
"I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM- CHARLES TOLSMAN
MAE VAN DER MEER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

125TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 39

*SONG OF PREPARATION- *"TAKE MY LIFE/I AM YOURS"*

SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-31

SERMON - "THE TREE OF UNITY"

*SONG OF RESPONSE - *"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- *"I'M SO GLAD"*

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, 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

NEXT SUNDAY, October 3,

- Is the nineteenth 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” > “September 26 Responsive Readings”

OFFICE UPDATES:

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. There is a signup sheet in the narthex so we can order accurately.

Please see the signup sheet in the narthex to sign up for our anniversary luncheon on Sunday, October 17th. Having an approximate headcount allows us to order the correct amount of food and supplies. Responses can also be given to 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!

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 2nd 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. During our service today we had the rare opportunity to celebrate both sacraments. If someone who wasn’t in the church asked you “What is a sacrament?” What answer would you be able to give? How does celebrating the sacraments make you feel? How does celebrating them strengthen your faith?
2. We know that the Bible calls us to unity and fellowship. We also know that it can be very difficult for us to get along with people at times. In the midst of situations where you know what is right, yet you also know that it is difficult to do what is right, how do you seek strength from the Lord?
3. The church in Corinth struggled with unity. They were having disagreements about which spiritual gifts were “best” and then treating the people who had those gifts as better than others. God spoke through Paul into 1 Corinthians 12 to remind those people (and us) the importance of unity. But how can that be brought about? At the end of chapter 12 we read “And now I will show you the most excellent way.” What is that way? It’s found in the next chapter. Read 1 Corinthians 13 this week and ask the Lord to shape you by His Word.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Dear family and friends,
A CaringBridge site was created for Julanna Klaasen by her daughter, Emily. Prayers are coveted for peace and good health prior to and after. The surgery is to remove a benign tumor pressing on the brain. Please use this site for updates. Julanna will be in ICU for at least one night and then in the hospital for probably another 3 days if there are no complications. We have confidence in the neurosurgeon and trust that God will guide his hands since God holds us in His.
Link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/julannaklaasen>
Site Name: julannaklaasen

Thank you to our Faith Community family for all the cards, phone calls, letters and well wishes during my hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery. We are so thankful for each and every one of you. – Louise Butler

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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



9/29 Janet Jacobs

10/1 Mary Lou Flitcroft

10/2 Yvonne Brandes

10/2 Andrew Calaski