

The "Jersey Dutch" and the Sandstone Legacy

Long before the CRCNA was formally organized, the "Jersey Dutch" of Bergen and Passaic Counties were already shaping the landscape of our faith. If you drive through Wyckoff, Dumont, or Paramus today, you will see iconic Dutch Colonial Sandstone houses—many built in the 1700s with thick walls and sweeping "gambrel" roofs.

These homes were more than just shelters; they were the first "sanctuaries" for the Reformed faith in New Jersey. Before formal church buildings were erected, these sandstone parlors hosted the first "house services" where the Psalms were sung in Dutch and the Heidelberg Catechism was taught to the next generation. This deep-rooted commitment to home-based faith is why the Dutch communities in North Jersey were so resilient. When the CRC later expanded into the area, it found a community that had already spent over a century building their lives—and their homes—on a firm, Reformed foundation.

Church Calendar

This Week January 11

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Emily Lotz
Nursery- Renee Kobovitch, Karen Spano
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Bev Bentley
Coffee- Ed & Laura Lotz
Prayers Of The People- John Belanus
Children's Message- Pastor Moses
KidSpace- Barb Belanus
Chosen- Jan Kuiken

Next Week January 18

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Nursery- Kristen Tolsma, Sally Ruitenberg
KidsChurch- Bev Smid, Kristen Tolsma
Coffee- Phil & Judy Verrengia
Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia
Children's Message- Kathy Faasse
KidSpace-
Chosen-

Second Collections:

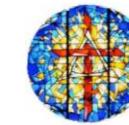
January 11- Madison Ave

January 18- Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center

January 25- FCCRC/ECSA Scholarship Fund

Rev. Moses Kang
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

January 11, 2026



Faith
Community Church



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG-** "PSALM 34 TASTE AND SEE"

***CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD'S GREETING**

***OPENING HYMN-** "MIGHTY TO SAVE"

CALL TO CONFESSION- "NEARER, STILL NEARER"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE- "GOODNESS OF GOD"

OFFERING

SPECIAL COLLECTION- MADISON AVE CROSSROADS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** "OPEN OUR EYES LORD"

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *1 THESSALONIANS 5:11*

SERMON- "ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER"

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** "LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING SONG-** "ALL ARE WELCOME (LET US BUILD)"

***BENEDICTION-** "MY FRIENDS MAY YOU GROW"

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN.

*Please rise, in body or in spirit

~ Deep Roots, Fresh Growth ~

TODAY, January 11,

- Is the first Sunday after the Epiphany

NEXT SUNDAY, January 18,

- Is the second Sunday after the Epiphany

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Passage and Theme for 2026: Pastor Moses will be preaching on the theme for 2026 - Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up. This theme is found in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Let's make this the year we truly encourage one another and build each other up as a church community.

From Council: Thank you church for staying after church for the congregational meeting. The budget for 2026 got approved. We are grateful for the work of the finance team who worked diligently to create the budget.

Ladies: please join us every Thursday at 10 am in the Blue Room downstairs for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. If you need a ride or have any questions, please see Linda Van Lenten.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 15th at 9:30 am in the orange room next to the nursery.

Pastor Moses Update: Pastor Moses will be leading a young adult's retreat for our sister church, Global Vision CRC at Shiloh Camp on January 16 - 17. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as he preaches God's Word to those who will be attending.

Thriving Essentials Training: Rev. Elaine May of Thrive, the denominational wing of congregational ministry will be visiting our church during the weekend of January 23-25. She is leading a Thriving Essentials Training for all current council members and all interested volunteers. If you have a desire to serve our church and community, we encourage you to come out for the training as we seek to become a "thriving" church. There are two sessions - Friday evening (7-9pm) and Saturday morning (9-11am). Please talk to Pastor Moses with any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Hope Christian Services for their "Hope Hoe Down" fundraiser on January 20th at 6pm at The Mason Jar in Mahwah. Tickets are \$65 and include dinner and line dancing. For more information contact Events@HopeChristian.org.

Cedar Hill will be hosting Classis on Saturday, January 31st, from 9 am -12:30 pm.

We will be having a special luncheon immediately following the Classis meeting (12:30 pm) honoring and celebrating the Spalinks as they have retired after many years of faithful and fruitful missionary service in Japan. We would like to invite everyone in your congregation to join us for this luncheon if they are interested; however, we need to have a head count to order food. Please RSVP by January 18th by calling Cedar Hill Church's office at 201-652-4277 or email office@cedarhillchurch.org with the number of people who will be joining us for lunch.

If you're beginning to think about what may be next for yourself or a loved one, Windmere is a welcoming place to start the conversation. Please call (973) 963-9433. We look forward to meeting you!

Second collections recap:

1/4/26- Missions, \$679

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Happy birthday to *Carl Hoogerhyde*, who will celebrate his 93rd birthday on Saturday, January 17th. We give thanks for Carl's long and faithful life!

John Butler has returned home and continues rehabilitation on his wrist.

Please keep *Jack & Pat Steingga* in your prayers as Jack recovers from surgery on his neck.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Charlie Ackerman remains in Oakland Care Center for rehab. Please keep Charlie in your prayers.



1/16 Leah Cusack

1/17 Carl Hoogerhyde

1/18 Emma Faasse