

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 Ruitenber  
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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> by calling Cedar Hill Church's office at 201-652-4277 or email [office@cedarhillchurch.org](mailto: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!

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY**  
Happy birthday to *Carl Hoogerhyde*, who will celebrate his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 Steiginga* 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.

**Second collections recap:**  
**1/4/26- Missions, \$679**



1/16 Leah Cusack

1/17 Carl Hoogerhyde

1/18 Emma Faasse