WEEK 4: FAITH UNDER FIRE: THE WARTIME HOMEFRONT (1941–1945)

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, World War II deeply disrupted everyday church life across the nation. With many young men from Dutch-American communities entering military service, Christian Reformed congregations mobilized widespread homefront ministries to support their dispersed members across the European and Pacific theaters.

Many congregations displayed white satin Service Flags, with blue stars representing members in military service. Denominational committees and local church societies sent care packages overseas containing Bibles, devotional materials, and copies of The Banner to keep servicemen connected to their faith and church community. When a serviceman was killed in action, congregations shared in the family's grief, with his service represented by a Gold Star. Through intercessory prayer and continued ministry from afar, the church sought to keep its young men spiritually tethered to their communities throughout the darkest years of the war.

Church Calendar

This Week **November 8**

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Nursery- Kristen Tolsma, Sally Ruitenberg
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Mary van der Meer
Coffee- Roy & Jeanne Bushoven
Prayers Of The People- Dave Dykhouse
Children's Message- Pastor Moses
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen-Barbara Belanus

Next Week **November 15**

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Phil Verrengia
Nursery- Dana Miller, Sue Grimm, Emilia Miller
KidsChurch- Karen Spano, Renee Kobovitch
Coffee- Elaine Dapp, Mike & Diane Tolsma
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses
Children's Message- Barbara Belanus
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen-Barbara Belanus

Special Collections:

November 8- Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center

November 15- ECSA/FCCRC Scholarship Fund

November 22- Madison Ave Crossroads

Thanksgiving- World Renew (World Hunger) + New Hope (food pantry)

November 29- New Hope



Faith Community Church

Rev. Moses Kang
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

November 8, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- *"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING**

***SONG OF PRAISE-** *"BEHOLD OUR GOD"*

CALL TO CONFESSION- *"GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE- *"THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD"*

OFFERING
SPECIAL COLLECTION- LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH"*

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *NEHEMIAH 1: 1-11*

SERMON- "SOWING: GOD PLANTS A SEED"

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"SPEAK, O LORD"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PARTING SONG- *"MY FRIENDS MAY YOU GROW IN GRACE"*

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY-** *"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS
& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN

~ Deep Roots, Fresh Growth ~

TODAY, November 8,

- Is the twenty fourth Sunday of Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, November 15,

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Faith Community Announcements

What are you thankful for? As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, Pastor Moses will be preaching a sermon series on Nehemiah. Like the Israelites, we will have a building project of our own using "bricks of thanksgiving." Come this Sunday to hear more about this project.

Kid's Ministry: Children aged 3-kindergarten are invited to attend Children's Church, which meets downstairs after the children's message. Parents may pick up their child after the service. For our older children, we offer two different age-based programs. KidSpace meets in the "Blue Room" downstairs and is for children in 1st grade-4th grade. Chosen is for grades 5-8 and meets in Classroom 1, right across from the "Blue Room". Children attending these classes should leave the sanctuary during the Song of Response. These classes meet until 11:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to help in any of these classes, please see Jan Kuiken.

From Council: You have received a pledge card for the 2027 budget. Council asks you prayerfully consider how you can support the ministry at our church. Your returned pledge cards also assist us in creating an accurate budget for 2027. Also, please save the date (Sunday, December 6) for a congregational meeting to approve the budget.

Heirborne will have our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on November 14th at Cedar Hill CRC from 8a-10:30a. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a great breakfast served by some awesome 7th & 8th graders. Funds raised from breakfast will be used to offset the cost of our upcoming winter retreat. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Botbyl at (973) 464-6986.

Christian Singles are planning a *Grateful to God Thanksgiving Turkey Supper* on Saturday, November 14th at 6 pm. The focus of the evening is gratitude. We will have scripture, devotion, prayer and time to express gratitude for our many blessings. The meal will include turkey with all of the trimmings and dessert. Please note: We are not meeting at the Barn, but in the church's Fellowship Hall. All singles: divorced, widowed, and never married people, are welcome. For more information contact Carol at 973-523-5072 or cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com.

Choir Members and Prospective Members: Practice for our Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday, November 11th, Wednesday, November 18th, and Tuesday, November 24th. Practices are from 7 PM to 8:15 PM in the church sanctuary. All are welcome!

Supper Club save the date! We will hold our annual Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 28th at the Kang's. Stay tuned for more information!

SNL High School Students! Our annual retreat is February 19-21, but the time to commit is now! By November 8 we will need to know if you (and friends) are going to join us for Winterblast at the awesome Camp Orchard Hill in Pennsylvania. A $100 deposit is due, so please let us know! It is a fun weekend with students from all over NJ, NY and Pennsylvania—hope to see you there! Please contact Tanya or Dan if you have any questions.

Ladies Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 10 am. Please see Linda Van Lenten with any questions- all are welcome!

Men's Bible Study has resumed and will meet Thursdays at 9:30 am. Please see Joe Cusack with any questions. All men are welcome!

Requested Announcements

Give Food, Give Hope This Holiday Season! Join New Hope in supporting its annual *Give Food, Give Hope* campaign! You can help by choosing a food list and shopping for a family, picking up a Thanksgiving coupon to help fund New Hope's shopping efforts, or making a direct donation. Every contribution makes a difference! Questions? Contact Kelly in the church office.

Crossroads Drama is thrilled to present *Shrek The Musical JR.*! Join everyone's favorite ogre, a chatty donkey, a feisty princess, and a cast of unforgettable fairy-tale misfits as they take the stage for an epic adventure filled with laughter, songs, and fun for the whole family. Performance dates and showtimes are Thursday, 11/12 and Friday, 11/13 at 7pm, Saturday 11/14 at 1pm & 5pm at Rockpoint Community Church. Seating is first-come, first-served, so arrive early to grab a great seat!

Dawn Treader School presents "From Promise To Savior- A Christmas Concert" on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 pm at 1 Market St., Paterson. Tickets are $10. Please see Kelly to purchase.

Lands of the Bible Trip (June 23 - July 7, 2027)- Hebrews 11 has long been known as the "Hall of Fame of Faith" because in and through the lives of these legendary people God wrote His story, and He is not finished writing. Join Pastors Moses and George DeJong on this all-inclusive Biblical Study Tour, where the Text comes alive as we journey to where the story begins in slavery, to where the enemy was defeated at Calvary, on to the Galilee where Jesus lived, learned, and taught, and then to the world where He sent His disciples to win for the Father's Glory. A world, which in so many ways, is not very different from our own. For more information, please talk to Pastor Moses.

Our Faith Community Family

Please keep *Carol Dunning* in your prayers as her son, John, undergoes treatment for cancer.

Bob Mulder has returned home and is undergoing testing before a shoulder replacement. Please continue to keep Bob & Ruth and his recovery in your prayers.

Please continue to keep *Daniel Martin,* son-in-law of Mary Lou Flitcroft, in your prayers. Daniel regained consciousness and is making slow progress on a very long road ahead.

Lou Spano has moved back to Christian Health for rehab. Please continue to keep Karen and Lou in your prayers.

Please pray for *Rev. Rod Gorter* as he undergoes cancer treatment.

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



11/8 Liam Faasse

11/10 Rafael Rivera

11/15 Amy Brooks

11/15 Theo Tolsma

2nd collections recap:
11/1/26-
Missions, $948