

The "Basement" School:  
 Our commitment to Christian education started immediately. In 1899, just three years after our founding, the "Riverside School" (the predecessor to Eastern Christian) began holding its very first classes in the basement of the Fourth CRC. Before there was a dedicated school building, our church basement was the classroom where children learned their ABCs alongside their Heidelberg Catechism.

A Dutch Island:  
 For the first generation, the Fourth CRC was a "Dutch island" in an American sea. Services, consistory meetings, and even social gatherings were conducted entirely in Dutch. It was the place where immigrants could truly be themselves before heading back into the industrial grind of Paterson on Monday morning.

The "Fourth" Identity:  
 Why the "Fourth"? In the strict, organized world of the Paterson CRC, churches were often numbered by their order of founding. Being "The Fourth" meant we were part of a growing movement of Reformed faith that was taking over the city. While we eventually moved and chose a name that reflected our spirit—Faith Community—our "numerical" beginning reminds us that we were part of a massive, thriving family of believers who transformed Paterson from a factory town into a stronghold of the faith.

## Church Calendar

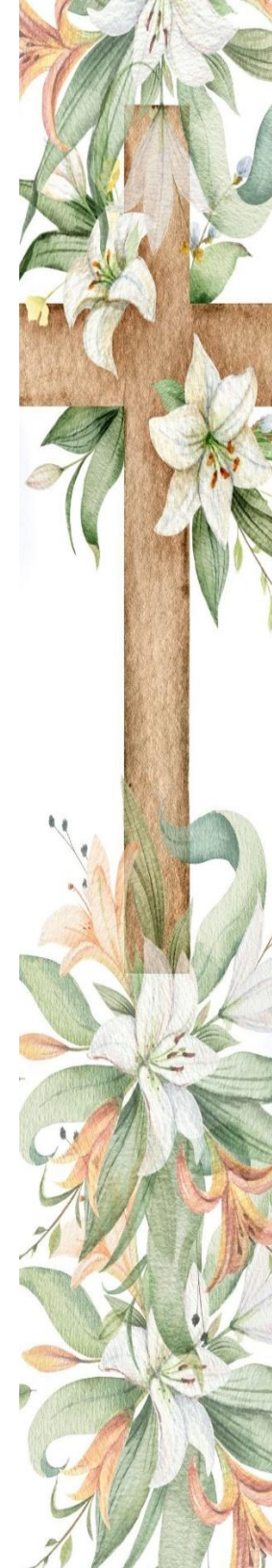
### This Week April 19

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit  
 Sound- Paul Cusack  
 Video- Dan Grimm  
 Projector- Emily Lotz  
 Nursery- Dana Miller, Lynn Walker, Emilia Miller  
 KidsChurch- Jeanne Bushoven, Sandy Ruit  
 Coffee- Bob & Janet Jacobs  
 Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia  
 Children's Message- Krissy Vande Vrede  
 KidSpace- Jan Kuiken  
 Chosen- Andrew van der Meer

### Next Week April 26

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski  
 Sound- Paul Cusack  
 Video- Paul Cusack  
 Projector- Dan Vande Vrede  
 Nursery- Sue Grimm, Mark Tolsma  
 KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Bev Bentley  
 Coffee- Elaine Dapp, Mike & Diane Tolsma  
 Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses  
 Children's Message- Bill Faasse  
 KidSpace- Laura Royle  
 Chosen- Jan Kuiken

Second Collections:  
April 19- Madison Ave  
April 26- SNL Youth Group



#### PRELUDE

**GATHERING SONG-** *"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

#### \*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE- *"HOW GREAT THOU ART"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION- *"I LOVE THE LORD"*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### SONG OF ASSURANCE- *"I LOVE THE LORD"*

#### OFFERING

*SPECIAL COLLECTION- MADISON AVE*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### \*SONG OF PREPARATION- *"I CANNOT TELL"*

#### PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *JOB 28: 20-28*

#### SERMON- *"THE WISDOM OF GOD"*

#### \*SONG OF RESPONSE- *"YOUR NAME"*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*DOXOLOGY- *"CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!"*

#### POSTLUDE

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

\*Please rise, in body or in spirit

**TODAY, April 19,**

- Is the third Sunday of Easter

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 26,**

- Is the fourth Sunday of Easter

#### FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children at the Table:** The elders are inviting families with children in 2nd grade and up who have been baptized and would like to partake in communion to talk to Pastor Moses for communion class. May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the communion Sunday when we receive and welcome new children to the table.

**A note regarding KidsChurch, KidSpace & Chosen:** Children leaving for KidsChurch (ages 3-kindergarten) are dismissed following the children's message. Children who are leaving for KidSpace and Chosen should wait until the prayer right after the sermon is finished and then quietly go to their class. Thank you!

**Opportunities are available to lead** our Chosen class for a Sunday in April. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see or text Jan Kuiken 551-427-4647.

**VBS update!** Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 17 - 22. We have many opportunities for people to volunteer, whether as a class leader or classroom aide, to cover the nurse's station, to help with snack and to help in many other vital parts. More information on volunteer opportunities will be shared next week.

**High school students**—don't miss SNL! Tonight from 6–8pm with food, games, and discussion at the Faith Community Barn. Bring a friend for a fun night!

**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 be held on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Orange Room next to the nursery. Please see Bob Jacobs with any questions.

**This week Thursday through Saturday (April 23-25)** World Renew will hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The AGM is a significant time for World Renew's full board to come together in reflection, strategic planning, and governance. They will celebrate the past year's milestones, reflect on the challenges facing communities around the world, and actively shape their collective strategy for deeper, lasting impact. Throughout the AGM, delegates will connect with one another and with World Renew staff from across the globe. These meetings will focus on the global ministry of World Renew, equipping and empowering board members to serve as ambassadors who share stories of transformation from the communities we serve. Linda VanLenten will be attending the AGM as Classis Hudson's delegate to the World Renew board. Please pray for all who will attend and for the work of World Renew throughout the world.

**New Hope:** Kelly is putting together gift bags for New Hope's Women of Hope Ladies Spring Tea and is looking for donations of new or unused items. Items could include jewelry, gift cards, unused makeup, lotions, hand sanitizers, decorative washcloths or towels, small notebooks or notepads, or anything else you may have on hand that would make a thoughtful addition to a ladies' tea gift. Items are needed no later than **May 3rd**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly. Thank you so much for your generosity and support—we truly appreciate it!

#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Explore Eastern Christian This Spring-** Considering Christian education? Eastern Christian School is now offering spring campus tours for prospective families. Come see classrooms, meet faculty, and experience the community firsthand. Spring visitors will receive a complimentary EC beach tote while supplies last. Sign up at: [www.easternchristian.org/tour](http://www.easternchristian.org/tour).

**Best of Brunch at Windmere:** Join us on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am as Chef Steve brings out his breakfast best for a beautifully curated complimentary brunch buffet. Brunch includes: omelets filled with farm-fresh vegetables, pancakes and golden French toast, served warm with maple syrup and seasonal topping, bacon and perfectly seasoned breakfast sausage, bagels with whipped cream cheese and accompaniments, fruit platters and refreshing handcrafted mocktails to sip and savor. After brunch, enjoy a guided tour of our wonderful community and discover what makes Windmere feel like home. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, please call us at (973) 685-4536 or email [AGallo@ChristianHealthNJ.org](mailto:AGallo@ChristianHealthNJ.org).

#### DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Upcoming Webinar:** Reimagining Youth Ministry - Join Thrive Faith Formation Consultant Rick Zomer for a webinar and conversation using Andrew Root's book *The End of Youth Ministry?* as a guide. Together, we will consider why churches might be struggling in youth ministry efforts and explore strategies for moving forward in intergenerational discipleship. Register for the May 5th, 4pm EDT webinar here: [tinyurl.com/y6m8crje](http://tinyurl.com/y6m8crje) or the May 14th, 7pm EDT webinar here: [tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7](http://tinyurl.com/ds2mrdx7) or by emailing [thrive@crcna.org](mailto:thrive@crcna.org).

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Go On a Microadventure - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go on a Microadventure," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Big adventures don't have to be far away—exciting discoveries are waiting right outside your door! Grab your family, explore nearby paths and places, and see how much fun a little adventure can be. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day collection.

#### OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

*Marge Faber* is home and recovering from her successful knee replacement surgery. However, John fell and broke 2 ribs and punctured his lung. Please pray for pain relief and healing for John, as well. A Meal Train has been set up by their family. If you'd like to sign up for a date, please visit: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/oe0yvd>

*Lou Spano* remains in Kessler for rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Lou and Karen in your prayers.

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

*Charlie Ackerman* has been moved to room 101 in the assisted living section at Allendale Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. Please keep him in your prayers.

*Happy Birthday!*

4/19 John Milkamp

4/20 Doug Kuiken

4/23 Alan Bandstra

**2<sup>nd</sup> collections recap:**

**4/12/26-**

**New Hope, \$830**