

Part 2: The Winter Homestead

The stone barn still standing on our property is a rare witness to the era when our church site was a thriving dairy farm. Long before 1978, 530 Sicomac Avenue was part of the William D. Winters Homestead. The Winters family was a cornerstone of Wyckoff's farming community, and their land eventually became home to the Sicomac Dairy. In the early 20th century, the barn served as a local landmark where families gathered, eventually becoming part of the legacy of the Sicomac Ice Cream Barn.

Unlike common wooden structures, our barn was built from local stone, signaling a commitment to permanence and the Jersey Dutch tradition of building to last. When the congregation of the Fourth CRC moved here after the 1975 fire, they inherited a piece of history already etched in stone. This barn remains a bridge to our past, reminding us that we are stewards of a landmark with deep roots in both labor and longevity. The strength of those stone walls mirrors the enduring nature of the faith we carried from the streets of Paterson to the ridges of Wyckoff.

Church Calendar

This Week **May 17**

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Paul Cusack
Projector- Emily Lotz
Nursery- Laura Royle, Alyssa Morin
KidsChurch- Sally Ruitenber, Mary van der Meer
Coffee- Dennis & Jan Kuiken
Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia
Children's Message- Jan Kuiken
KidSpace- Barb Belanus
Chosen- Kelly Delaney

Next Week **May 24**

Door Monitor-
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Linda Van Lenten
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Jack Delaney
KidsChurch- Karen Spano, Renee Kobovitch
Coffee- Joe & Bev Cusack, Trudie Pruiksma
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses
Children's Message- Kathy Faasse
KidSpace- Barb Belanus
Chosen-

Second Collections:

May 17- New Hope

May 24- Hope Christian Services

May 31- Benevolence

Rev. Marco Avila
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

May 17, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- *"I WILL ENTER HIS GATES"
"I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING

***SONG OF PRAISE-** *"I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

OFFERING

SPECIAL COLLECTION- NEW HOPE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"*

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- *JOSHUA 5: 1-15*

SERMON- *"RENEWING THE COVENANT:
BEFORE VICTORY COMES COMMITMENT"*

***SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"BE THOU MY VISION"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

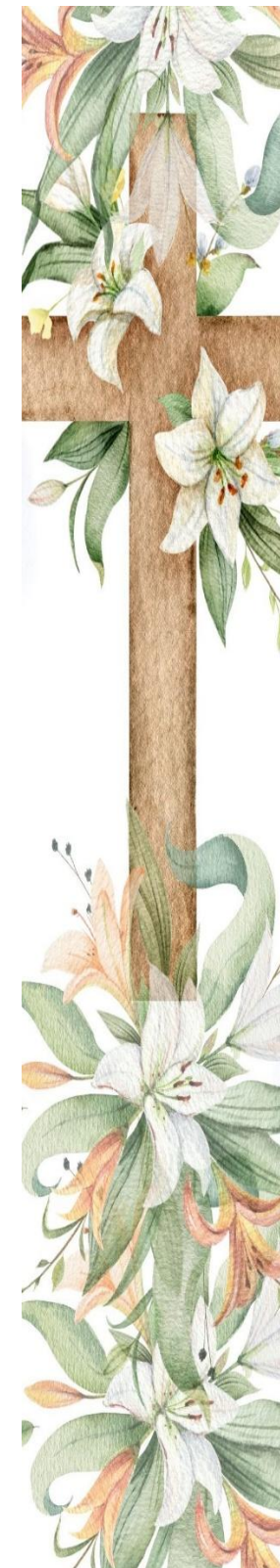
***PARTING SONG-** *"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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



TODAY, May 17,

- Is the seventh Sunday of Easter
- We will welcome Rev. Marco Avila (Resonate Global Mission) to lead us in worship

NEXT SUNDAY, May 24,

- Is the first Sunday of Pentecost
- On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of the church. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles were empowered to preach and share the gospel, marking the beginning of the Christian Church. The church calendar also moves into ordinary time - a time that is not seasonal. Between Pentecost and Advent, there are no seasonal festivals, allowing the church to focus on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Updates: Council met on Monday, May 11th. The following are some of the highlights:

- We have agreed to keep the stones on the facade for another month on trial basis.
- We are seeking additional nominations for Elders and Deacons. Please contact one of the Elders or Deacons with nominations. We are hoping to have a congregational meeting on June 14th to vote for our incoming officers.
- The installation service is set for June 21st.
- We are forming a sub-committee to revisit our Council structure

From the Deacons: New Hope is running low on food and is requesting help from supporting churches. The Deacons are organizing a food drive. There is an insert in the bulletin with suggested items and there will be a basket in the back of church for the donations. Thank you for your support!

SNL youth group is for all high school students! Tonight 6–8pm, with food, fun, and discussion. Looking forward to seeing you at the Faith Community Barn! Friends always welcome!

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're invited to Robot Fight Night at Eastern Christian on May 29 at 7 PM, (50 Oakwood Ave, North Haledon). Join us for a fun, high-energy evening featuring a brief tour of our high school followed by our exciting Robot Fight Night—where student-built robots battle it out in a creative, crowd-cheering showdown. It's a great way for families of ALL AGES to experience the Eastern Christian community! Learn more or register: www.easternchristian.org/visit.

Please join Hope Christian Services on Wednesday, June 3rd to celebrate a special evening at The Tides in North Haledon at our “*Homes of Hope Dinner*” honoring Laura Lupica, HCS, COO & FKA Architects. To purchase tickets, sponsorships, ads or make donations please visit <https://hopechristian.org/events/homes-of-hope-dinner/>.

The Brass Factory will present the concert “Audience and Band Favorites” on Friday, June 5th 7:30 pm at Cedar Hill Church. A great night of music by Paul Williams & Roger Nichols (Rainy Days & Mondays), David Raskin & John Mercer (Laura), Barry Gott (Light Walk), Errol Garner (Misty), Dave Brubeck (Blue Rondo a la Turk), Ralph Vaughan Williams (English Folksong Suite), Ray Steadman Allen (In Quiet Pastures), Charlie Chaplin (Smile), Victor Young (When I Fall In Love), and Euday L. Bowman (Twelfth Street Rag). Free admission- expect the usual good time, plan to attend, and bring your friends. You'll love it!

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Research has shown that taking slow, deep breaths when we are stressed is good for our mental health. As you recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, try using breath prayers to slow down and focus your mind on God. Choose a prayer from the options below, then breathe in and out, repeating the phrases as you breathe. As you breathe in silently, pray: “Not my will.” As you breathe out, pray: “Your will be done.” Breathe in: “I am not alone.” Breathe out: “You are here.” Breathe in: “You are the potter.” Breathe out: “I am the clay” Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: The Promised Gift: Pentecost - Check out this week's kids' devotion, “The Promised Gift: Pentecost” at www.kidscorner.net. When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his Father had promised them. Did you know that the same gift is promised to you as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Please keep *Melissa, Aileena, Greyson & Jake Major* in your prayers as they grieve the passing of their husband and father, Trevor Major.

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.



5/19 Miriam Kuiken

5/21 Dennis Crean

5/21 Jake Morin

5/23 Karen Spano

5/24 Janet Sonnema

5/24 Morgan Damato

2nd collections recap:

5/10/26-

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