



## Summer, 2016

When I think of summer, I think of growing and resting. All kinds of beautiful, delicious, and nutritious things are growing in the earth of the Hudson Valley. Of course, children and grandchildren are growing. Spring lambs are already big. For some of us, waistlines are growing, as seems inevitable once we reach a certain age! Summer is also for resting. For families with children, there is rest from the normal press of the school year. For those of us who work full-time, we look forward to the rest of at least a few vacation days. With the longer sunlight, it is also easier to find time for picnics and play at the end of our days—bonus time with family and friends. Summer offers a change of pace and rest from normal routines. There will be fewer activities at the Church this summer but we will still gather to rest and grow together!

Throughout the month of July, Sunday worship will continue at 10:30 a.m. followed by fellowship. **On Sunday, July 24, we will welcome a work team** from Hope Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan. Seven adolescents and four adults will spend a week helping with projects at the Church and in our larger community and learning about our ministry in Kingston. I am eager for them to meet all of you, so plan to worship and share lunch with them on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will again gather for shared worship with the Fair Street congregation. Our theme this summer will focus on sibling and family relationships. For myself, I have named the summer worship series, “**Being Brothers & Sisters—Biology, Baptism, Bickering & Beloved Community.**” Using texts from both the Old and New Testaments we will explore the complicated, charactering building dynamics of family life—in our regular and our church families.

Worship will be at **10:00 a.m.** each week.

- August 7**                    **Forsyth Park Pavilion**—Jesus & Family \* Re-defining Reality  
Picnic immediately following worship. Bring your own lawn chair AND  
a salad of some sort or chips to share. All else provided.
- August 14**                  **Fair Street Church**—Jesus with James & John \* Competing
- August 21**                  **Fair Street Church**—Miriam, Moses & Aaron \* Supporting
- August 28**                  **Old Dutch Church**—Joseph & his Brothers \* Forgiving
- September 4**              **Old Dutch Church**—Jesus, Head of the Family Table \* Communing

I look forward to resting and growing with you this summer!

Peace to you,  
Pastor Renée