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Fact Sheet

- Hudson Valley Family Church began in January of 2002 in Tarrytown, New York.
- The Church was started by the family of Pastor Jack Yurus, a Rhema Bible Training Center Alum, and the family of Pastor Robert “Bucky” Meier.
- The original purpose of starting HVFC was to provide a more family friendly atmosphere and putting the needs of the family unit before tradition and rhetoric.
- By making church a comfortable and fun place for every member of the family, HVFC helps parents keep positive influences in their children’s lives.
- HVFC quickly grew to a congregation of over 100 people. The church ran several programs, putting a strong emphasis on Children.
- Lisa Meier, the Children’s Program Director, created an interactive curriculum to make children feel like they were in “more than just a baby sitting service.”
- The annual family activities such as apple picking, the church picnic, Harvest Festival, and the Children’s Gift Giving Service, have made HVFC a respected community citizen.
- On Christmas HVFC is known for giving a gift bag to every child in the church, as well as having one of the largest operation Christmas child drives in the area.
- In 2006, Pastor Jack and Pastor “Bucky” realized that they were starting to receive a small number of members from southern Dutchess and northern Putnam counties.
- In August of 2006 HVFC announced the creation of a sister church, Family Church of East Fishkill in Southern Dutchess County.
- This sister church would bring the mission of HVFC to its families from the north, and allow them to give back to the communities that they live in.
- Pastor Bucky will be Senior Pastor of the New Location, and he brings with him several years experience as a pastor and family man.
- Pastor “Bucky” received his training on the job from Pastor Jack Yurus of HVFC in Harrison, NY; Pastor Frank Santora, the Pastor of Faith Church in New Milford Connecticut; and Pastor John Gould of Calvary Center in Yonkers, NY.