

# Saddle River Reformed Church worshiping at Old Stone Church



## November 2022

Made in God's image, we love. Out of our love, we care for others. In order to care for others, we share what we have to fund acts of love at Saddle River Reformed Church and in our community. Our financial gifts are as much an expression of our beliefs as our creed, our life, and our liturgy. You are part of the Saddle River Reformed Church, and this church is yours. Thank you for your continued support. Your presence and inspiration are essential to our common life and we look forward to seeing you on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 13 at 10am.



### Calendar

Worship - Sundays at 10am  
Old Stone Church

Bible Study & Lunch Bunch  
Wednesdays at 11am in the  
Lounge

Sew & Sew Group  
Friday, November 4 at 12:30pm  
in the Lounge

Consistory Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9th at  
6pm in the Lounge

Consecration Sunday  
November 13

Sew & Sew Group  
Friday, November 18 at 12noon  
at Limoncello's, Waldwick

Christ the King Sunday  
November 20

First Sunday of Advent,  
November 27

If you are unable to be with us to worship in person, you can participate via Facebook Live on our page:

You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access this link.

<https://www.facebook.com/Old-StoneSaddle-River-Reformed-Church-105866604368793>

### **Find us on the web and on social media**

oldstonechurchonline.org

Facebook: Old Stone/Saddle River Reformed Church

Instagram: oldstonechurchnj

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## **SUCCESS!!! - Cozy Soups for Fall**

Thank you to everyone from the community that came out to purchase autumn soups. \$606 was raised for the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. CFA provides food, housing, utility, and heating assistance and offers counseling and advocacy services to low-income individuals and families.



**Thank you** to the soup chefs and everyone who helped to set up, serve, and clean up: Marilyn Beisler, Lori Geiger, Linda and Cliff Kammerer, Cathy Lowden, Rosalie and Ernst Luthi, Ruth McGowan, Nancy Peet, Suzie Peters, Rozanne Sullivan, and Christine Van Wetering.

## **Financial Update**

*by Cathy Lowden, Treasurer*

We ended the third quarter with YTD income of \$144,093.49 and expenses of \$170,179.28. This year we had a one-time expense for a State of NJ mandated water system update in excess of \$26,000 which we hope to have refunded to us via a grant at some point in the future. The budget is reprojected quarterly based on our income and expenses. Our fourth quarter is a time when many people send in their one-time donations or catch up on pledges. With our current projections we look to end the year (\$16,000) in our operating account. We either move money from our investment account or deposit money intended for our investment account to make up the shortfall throughout the year. Keep in mind we did not have the salary and associated benefits for a minister this year. Hard copies of our reprojected budget are made available in the Sanctuary quarterly once the "new" budget is reviewed and approved by the Consistory. Anyone wishing to have an electronic version of the budget sent to them can contact the church office and one can be sent out via email. In November the Consistory will review a projected 2023 budget. The final budget is approved at the January Consistory meeting after all pledges are calculated and expected expenses are considered.

## **November 2022 Lectionary**

### **Nov. 6 - Communion Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Roland Ratmeyer  
Haggai 1:15b-2:9;  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;  
Psalm 98;  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17;  
Luke 20:27-38

### **Nov. 13 - Consecration Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Soo Kim  
Isaiah 65:17-25;  
Isaiah 12;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;  
Luke 21:5-19

### **Nov. 20 Christ the King Sunday Led by the Consistory Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43**

### **Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent Rev. Phyllis Palsma Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44**



## Fall Church Socials

*Photo credit: Linda Kammerer*

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for Sunday Iced Tea Socials. They are weekly, immediately following the service and provide us with a chance to chat and catch up with our church family while enjoying a treat or two (or three!).



*Thank You!!!*

The church office received a thank you note from the **Reformed Church Home** thanking the church for a recent donation. The Reformed Church Home provides compassionate care of our elders in a spiritual environment.

The church office also received a thank you note from **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County**. Big Brothers Big Sisters helps to improve the lives of those children and youth living in homes with domestic violence or poverty.

## Veterans Day Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services (Augsburg Fortress, 2013), p. 66.*



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you for  
 the beauty of your creation ...  
 the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness..  
 the sustaining love of family and friends ...  
 the fellowship of faith in your church ...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray for those who govern nations of the world ... the people of countries where there is strife or warfare ... all who work for peace and international harmony... the church of Jesus Christ in every land....

*From Book of Common Worship 1993 Westminster/John Knox Press.*



**CELEBRATE**

WITH ALL THE BOUNTY THAT  
 GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU

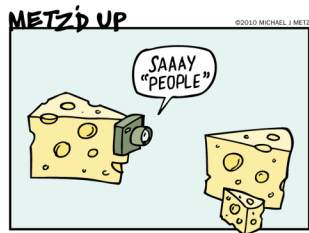
DEUTERONOMY 26:11

**Mark your calendar:**  
**Christmas Eve Service at 5pm**  
 (only), Saturday, December 24  
No service on Sunday,  
 December 25, Christmas Day



**We want your photos!!!**

Please take a photo of your family around the table at Thanksgiving for our December newsletter. Photos can be emailed into the church office.



**Community Announcements:**



**Interfaith Cancer Support Group from the NJ Interfaith Center for Cancer Care:** Join NJIC3 on **Wednesdays from 3-4pm** for an online interfaith cancer support group. This group is open to anyone who has faced cancer and would like to be an in interfaith environment, providing and receiving mutual support through deep listening, sharing, and contemplation. The group will be led by an NJIC3 staff member. Email Nobuko at [nobuko.njic3@improvingnj.org](mailto:nobuko.njic3@improvingnj.org) or Austin [austin.njic3@improvingnj.org](mailto:austin.njic3@improvingnj.org) if you have any questions.

**Senior HelpLine**  
**(201) 336-7400**

A service of the  
**Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**  
**Bergen County**  
 Department of Human Services  
 Division of Senior Services



**The Center for Food Action in Mahwah at 90 Ridge Road is open M-F from 10am-2pm to accept donations.** Their most needed items are Supermarket Gift Cards, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Canned Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss, Cold Cereal (low sugar) & Oatmeal, Powdered Milk &/or Boxed Milk, such as Parmalat, Canned Fruits, Instant Potatoes, 100% Juice, Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6, Bar or Bottled Soap, and Canned Dog Food & Canned Cat Food.



**Call 988 For Mental Health Emergencies**  
 The Federal Communications Commission recently approved a new 3-digit dialing code, 988, for mental health crisis and suicide prevention. The 988 line will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for calls, texts, and chat.

**November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Lee Zimet	11/3
David Snider	11/4
Lauren Kuczma	11/6
Lennon Conklin	11/10
Jay Coblentz	11/11
Steve Nixdorf	11/11
Mathew Fretz	11/16
Janet Neir	11/27
Airika Coblentz	11/27
Christine Van Wetering	11/30

Devon & John Seibert-Bailey  
 11/3

Any updates or additions, please email the church office at [srrcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:srrcoffice@verizon.net)

When shopping on amazon.com, INSTEAD shop at **smile.amazon.com** and choose the "Saddle River Reformed Church RCA" as your charity.



Donations can be made online through the website. Go to <https://oldstonechurchonline.org/> and click on the Give button.



The monthly newsletters are **BACK!!!** If you have anything for the **DECEMBER** newsletter, please email the church office at [srrcoffice@verizon.net](mailto:srrcoffice@verizon.net).

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