

**Saddle River Reformed
Church**
worshiping at
Old Stone Church



September 2022
Season After Pentecost

Back to Church Sunday
September 18

HAVEN'T BEEN TO CHURCH
IN A WHILE?

**NO
PROBLEM**

JOIN US FOR



Calendar

Worship - Sundays at 10am
Old Stone Church

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

Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, September 14th
at 6pm in the Lounge

Back to Church Sunday
Sunday, September 18

Western Theological
Seminary Connection Week
September 18-25

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

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Instagram: oldstonechurchnj

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Reflections

by Peter Freeman

It's great to have our newsletter up and running again. I'd like to thank Stephanie our new office manager for taking charge of this. As you are aware, John Seibert has retired from this position after 20 plus years of running the office, cemetery, and building operations. Having to help out in the office while we searched for John's replacement really showed how much activity there is in our congregation and helped me appreciate the work done. I'm sure we all want to thank John for his service and dedication as well as wish Stephanie luck with the new job.

We've had quite an array of substitute Pastors. It's been interesting seeing the different styles. I think the consistory has enjoyed the services where we had to pitch in and fill out the occasional Sunday. Thanks to Cathy Lowden for preparing these services and arranging them. I hope the congregation has enjoyed them as well.

As you know the Search Committee has been hard at work. They've been battling the fact that there are multiple

congregations in our area that are also looking to fill their pulpits. Like the rest of society, there are not enough applicants to fill all the vacancies. They have a tough job in front of them.

In this time of transition, I want to stress that the Consistory is available to anyone requiring pastoral care. Our Classis also supports us by assigning a Supervisor to help us conduct the business of the church and to provide a higher level of pastoral care. Rev. Susan Kerr had been assigned since February 2021 when Rev. Fretz retired. Rev. Kerr is now starting her transition to retirement and has accepted a Call to a church in Upstate New York. This means she will no longer serve as our Supervisor. On behalf of our church, we would like to thank Rev. Kerr for her support these last 18 months. As of September 1, our new Supervisor is Rev. Steven Sayer. Rev. Sayer is the pastor of the Community Church of Harrington Park. He will work closely with the Consistory and the Search Committee as we move forward until our next pastor is Called.

Treasurer's Update

by Cathy Lowden

Thank you to all who continue to support our church. Since the start of the pandemic we have created an annual budget that we re-project at the end of each quarter. The first half of the year ended in June with our YTD Net being about \$4K ahead of what was planned. Before we get too excited, we were required by the State of NJ to install a system to remove PFAS/PFOS from our water this summer and that expense has us projecting to end our year about \$22K in the red. The State of NJ is issuing grants to cover some or all of this expense. A grant application is being filed. Over the last few years since I have become the Treasurer I have heard from a few people that their checks don't appear to have been deposited. If you plan on sending a check to us through the mail please contact the church office by phone (201-327-5232) or email (srcoffice@verizon.net) to let us know that it is on the way. We have issues with consistent mail delivery. Checks received by mail are usually deposited with the next week's offering. So if you don't see a check clearing within the month, we very likely didn't receive it.

September 2022 Lectionary Year C

Sept. 4 - Communion Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11;
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
Philemon 1:1-21;
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28;
Psalm 14;
1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1;
Psalm 79:1-9;
1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15;
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;
1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31

July 31st Church Social



Photo credit: Kathy Breen

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

Blessing for Backpacks

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow.

God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

Amen.

(source: Illustrated Ministry)

Upper Saddle River Children's Academy

The first day of school is Thursday, September 8 after "Meet the Teacher" days scheduled for August 31 & September 7.

USR Woman's Club Coming September 17th - the 6th annual Town-Wide Garage Sale! Contact nona.maher@gmail.com for information.



SAVE THE DATE
SENIOR CITIZENS FESTIVAL
BERGEN COUNTY
VAN SAUN PARK
Tuesday,
September 13th,
10:00AM-2:00PM



Saddle River Valley Lions Club Golf Outing – October 17, 2022

The Lions Club's 16th Annual Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic is scheduled for October 17th at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club with a "Shotgun Start" at 11:00 AM. This year's Classic features Greens Fees, Cart, Full Breakfast, Beer & Beverages on the Course, Expanded Dinner with Premium Open Bar... All Inclusive for \$200 per player. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit www.srvlions.org.

The Borough of Upper Saddle River
and USR Cares present



Saturday, October 8

Noon - 6pm at Lions Park

Silent Auction • Vendors • Games • Food
Hayride • Live Music • Family Fun Tent
Senior Tent with Lunch and Activities

Meet our Community and Service Organizations
All proceeds benefit USR Cares
and our Mission to Support Neighbors in Need
For more info: usrcares@gmail.com
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WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Upper Pascack Valley CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 16, 2022

PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Upper Pascack Valley CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 16, 2022

CROP Hunger Walk

Cozy Soups for Fall Soup Day - Saturday, October 22.

Thanks to our volunteer soup makers:
Cathy Lowden, Cliff Kammerer,
Christine VanWetering, Rozanne
Sullivan and Lori Geiger, we will have
lots of soup on hand for **Saturday,
October 22.**

We are planning to sell the soup
(maybe just in pints) for people to take
home or to sit and eat in the
Educational Building. In addition to
the soup we will offer a piece of bread

or crackers and may also have bottled
drinks and coffee for the people who
stay to eat.

Now we have to get the word out to
the surrounding communities to come
and buy some of our delicious
homemade soup. Any suggestions are
welcome. Please call Suzie or Lori.



**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 or
Austin austin.njic3@improvingnj.org
if you have any questions.

Holland Christian Home is hiring!
Various shifts available for CNAs,
LPNs, and RNs. If interested, please
visit their website (hcnj.org) or call
the Holland Christian Home at 973-
427-4087.

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 beginning on July 16th,
2022.



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.

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.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mario Vitiello	9/7
Harrison Peet	9/16
Dylan Breen	9/19
Andrea Dente	9/22
Steve Dietze	9/22
Emily Peters	9/27
Bernice Schweizer	9/28

John & Dot Coblentz
9/4
Stephanie & John Peet
9/29

Any updates or additions,
please email the church
office at
srrcoffice@verizon.net

The monthly newsletters
are **BACK!!!** If you have
anything for the October
newsletter, please email
the church office at
srrcoffice@verizon.net by
Friday, September 9th.

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