

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



April 2023

**We invite you to join us for
Holy Week**

Calendar

**Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Sunday, April 2 at 10am**

Worship - Sundays at 10am
Old Stone Church

**Good Friday
Friday, April 7**
Old Stone Church will be open
between **12 noon and 2pm** for
prayers and meditation

Learn about the Bible &
Lunch Bunch
Wednesdays at 11am in the
Lounge

**Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 9 at 10am**

Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, April 12 at 6pm
in the Lounge

Sew & Sew Group
Friday, April 21



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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April 2023 Lectionary Year A

April 2 - Communion
Rev. Roland Ratmeyer
Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Psalm 31:9-16; Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66; Matthew 27:11-54

April 3

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

April 6

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 7

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

April 8

Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42

April 9

Rev. Roland Ratmeyer

Easter

Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10

April 16

Rev. Sandi Masters

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 23

Rev. Leah Ennis

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00 am

Worship led by Rev. Roland Ratmeyer

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:30 pm

Pastor Mary Stegink invites our members to
Worship at
Ramapo Reformed Church
100 Island Road
Mahwah, NJ

Good Friday Vespers, April 7

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Self-guided

Easter Sunday, April 9

10:00 am

Worship led by Rev. Roland Ratmeyer



Blanket the World with Love Special Lenten/Easter Offering

“They are also filled with abundant joy, which overflowed in rich generosity.” - 2 Corinthians 8:2

The Deacons will be collecting funds during March and April for **Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program**. Everyday, someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and be the miracle someone was praying for. **You can be part of that miracle**—giving a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through your generosity our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

God of warmth, you are with our neighbors who are cold and need comfort. Amen.

“And don’t forget to do good and share with those in need.” - Hebrews 13:16

You can give to this ministry in person **during Sunday morning worship** or **on-line using the church website and by selecting “Giving” from the menu or the “Give” button and choosing “Mission of the Month” in the dropdown list**. Please give generously. A \$10 donation provides a blanket to a person in need. \$50 blankets an entire family. \$250 can provide blankets for five families left homeless by a tornado. \$500 can provide warm blankets for a small women’s shelter. \$1200 can provide blankets for a refugee welcome center.

<https://oldstonechurchonline.org/>



Information Requested for Memorial Day Tribute to Veterans Buried in Old Stone Church Cemetery

We are looking for biographical information on veterans buried in the Old Stone Church Cemetery for a Memorial Day presentation. If you know of a veteran buried in the cemetery and can provide a quick write up (up to 500 words) the office can compile this information. Please email this information to Stephanie srrcoffice@verizon.net. If you would be able to participate on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28th, please let Stephanie know this as well.



After Worship Church Socials

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!).

What is Maundy Thursday?

On the Thursday before Good Friday and Easter, many Christians observe Maundy Thursday. This day commemorates Jesus's last supper with his disciples. During that meal in the upper room, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning "command."

What is the meaning of the Last Supper?

"Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'" –Luke 22:19-20

In the words that accompany the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup, Jesus makes it clear that his sacrifice and death is for our redemption. As he invited his disciples to partake in the Last Supper, he invites us also to a meal of faith shared among believers. By eating and drinking the Lord's Supper together, we are reminded that Jesus wants us to love each other and to forgive each other. This is the command represented in the word "Maundy."

Through Jesus's charge to "do this in remembrance of me," the Last Supper became the inaugural Lord's Supper. In this meal, also known as Communion, Reformed theology holds to the belief that the bread and

wine are not changed into the actual body and blood of Christ. Rather, these elements are a reminder and promise of God's love for us.

The simple meal is also a symbolic teaching that Jesus's crucified body and shed blood spiritually feed us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, as we share this meal, we share in the death and resurrection of Christ. This means that we accept with a believing heart that his body was offered for us and his blood was shed for us, granting us forgiveness and new life.

As we remember the depth of Jesus's suffering for us, the meal takes on a sadness and somberness. Yet, we remember that Jesus rose from the dead and he will come again. Thus, this is a meal to be celebrated and laced with joy.



LENT DISCIPLESHIP CALENDAR



Visit faithward.org/lentcalendar for additional resources to help you engage in these daily discipleship activities.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Make resurrection eggs (especially great for kids!).
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 2	3 Write a note of encouragement to your pastor(s).	4 Go for a prayer walk.	5 Share your faith story with someone.	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 Make and eat a Christian Seder supper.	<i>Good Friday</i> 7 Read Luke 22:47-53. Reflect on a moment when you have betrayed Jesus and pray for forgiveness. OR Participate in a Tenebrae service.	8 Get to know a neighbor of a different faith.
<i>Easter</i> 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



So you want to talk about race...

Revelation 7:9

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."

The Classis of the Greater Palisades of the Reformed Church of America invites you to share our journey in dismantling racism. As charged by our denomination we commit to this statement:

"The RCA commitment is to name racism as a sin, and to work against its prevalence and pervasiveness both within our relationships and our denominational system, and in the wider domestic and global communities. Our efforts at eradicating racism call for us to change not only our systems but also our hearts for each other and for the life matters that concern each other." General Synod Council Ends Policy E-5

Our Community Book Read will be: *CASTE; The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson. The book, *CASTE*, is available on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/h9X4whc> in a variety of formats. You can also find the book in local bookstores and libraries.

Please journey alongside whether you are new to the conversation; interested in learning more; an ally or a freedom fighter - please offer all you bring, so, together, we can dismantle the evils of racism in ourselves; in our congregations; in our church and in the community.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ftpxt>

The time for reading is between the time you register, get the book and April 16th. After the reading time, we will provide you with options for a facilitated discussion forum to happen in May 2023. There will be day, time, and venue (in person or zoom) options. Groups will have a trained facilitator guiding the discussion.

Contact information for questions/comments: gpantiracism392@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: [GP Antiracism](#) for updates and ongoing information:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdcd9py7>



Greater Palisades Dismantling Racism Committee

Rev Dr Joanne Van Sant Chair

Nicole Contreras

Rev Dwayne Jackson

Rev Rodney Haveman

Rev Terry O'Brien

Rev Anna Jackson

Ciro Romero

News from Camp Warwick:

Join us at
Alumni Staff
Virtual Meet-Ups

Are you a past counselor or staff member?
Invite your Camp Warwick alumni staff
friends and join us for an hour of sharing,
connecting, and reminiscing!

MARCH 20 @ 5:30PM
APRIL 13 @ 5:30PM
MAY 23 @ 5:30PM

unmistakable
Matthew
5:14-16

Camp Warwick 2023

**Camper registration and
the summer staff and
volunteer applications can
be found on our website!**

APRIL 21-23, 2023

SPRING FLING

WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE
HEBREWS 10:24-25

In Hebrews we are reminded to "not neglect to meet together, like is the habit of some, but encourage one another." Register your youth group to gather, worship, learn, play, and connect with other youth groups. Come and encounter Christ who calls us together at Spring Fling 2023.

Will this summer be your first time to camp? Join us for camp tours this spring! Visit our website to register!

Saturday, March 25, 3:00-4:30 pm
Saturday, May 6, 9:30-11:00 am
Saturday, May 20, 1:00-2:30 pm
Saturday, June 3, 10:00-11:30 am

Community Announcements:

Rev. Mark Ennis of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church in Bergenfield is looking for **ESL teachers for their Spanish-speaking outreach program.** Anyone with an interest can call the church office: 201-384-2454.

Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 15
10 am-1 pm

www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org

 **Holland Christian Home**
Since 1895, A Christian Home for Seniors

Holland Christian Home Foundation
2023 Spring Breakfast & Silent Auction

Save the date

We are pleased to invite both men & women to this event

Saturday, April 15, 9 AM

Featuring
NJ State Police Superintendent
Colonel Patrick J. Callahan
Sharing his personal walk of faith while
steering NJ's top law enforcement agency

For ticket reservations (\$60):
call 973-427-4087 ext 651 or email
svanderploeg@hchnj.org

Women's Bible Study
Please consider joining us for a simple Bible Study at the **Ramapo Reformed Church.** Pastor Mary will lead the group through various scripture readings in the style of Lectio Divina. No preparation is necessary! We would like to begin on **Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00 pm.** We will meet in the Coffee Room of the church building (100 Island Rd, Mahwah). We hope to meet **every other Tuesday from April through June.**

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





Rivertowns CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, April 23, 2023

CROP Hunger Walk
Irvington, NY 10533



CFA's 5K Run/Walk - *Fighting Hunger One Step at a Time* is a great family-friendly or corporate team-building outdoor event. Whether you run or walk, it will be a morning filled with fun and exercise for a great cause. Raising money to help our neighbors at risk of hunger and food insecurity. Lace up your sneakers go to **Overpeck**

Park, 199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, NJ on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Registration opens at 8am. Race begins at 9am. Cost \$40/adult and \$20/child. 3 children under age 6 are free per 1 registered adult.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary is having its **Inaugural Gala at 6pm on Thursday, May 18.** The Gala will begin with chapel, followed by a reception and dinner. Worship will be led by alumna the Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown, senior pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, NJ. The evening honorees will be the Rev. Dr. J Michael Sanders, senior pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, NJ and Women of the RCA for five decades of ordination as elders, deacons, and ministers of Word and Sacrament. Tickets are \$100/person through April 15 and \$125/person thereafter. nbs.edu/gala

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.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brad Gagnon	4/1
Marlyn Minnick	4/1
Lila Shayan	4/4
Jonathan Nixdorf	4/9
Nicole Libretti	4/11
John Coblentz	4/14
Robert Montoro	4/14
Kyle Dietze	4/16
Laura Parker	4/17
Linda Kammerer	4/24
Eileen Jones	4/25
Laura Hall	4/27
Jane Davis	4/30

Bob & Marilyn Beisler 4/15

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

We welcome your donations through the online giving page on the church website at <https://oldstonechurchonline.org/> and click on the Give button.



If you have anything for the MAY newsletter, please email the church office at srrcoffice@verizon.net.

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