

**Saddle River  
Reformed Church**  
worshiping at  
**Old Stone Church**  
**July 2023**



**Inside: July & August Missions  
Offering**

We're  
not  
kidding!



A dairy  
cow is a  
moo-  
velous  
addition  
to any family farm!

Alpacas are woolly great!

Ewe can't go wrong with sheep!

Chickens can be an egg-cellent asset!

Pigs are udderly wonderful for a family!

When rabbits hop their way into a  
family, big things happen!

The buzz on bees is pretty impressive!

Nothing fishy about it—fish can really  
help a family out!

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](http://oldstonechurchonline.org)

Facebook: Old Stone/Saddle River Reformed Church

Instagram: oldstonechurchnj

**Calendar**

Summer Worship - Sundays at  
10am  
Old Stone Church

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

Sew & Sew Group  
Friday, July 7 at 12:30pm in  
the Lounge

Consistory Meeting  
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:15pm  
in the Lounge

Sew & Sew Group  
Friday, July 21

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## Independence Day Prayer

Gracious God, as we celebrate the gift of freedom, we pray for those in our communities, our nation, and our world who still experience oppression, persecution, or inequality. Guide us to exercise our freedom responsibly and compassionately for the well-being of all your creation.



## July 2023 Lectionary Year A

**July 2 - Communion**  
**Rev. Mel Van Hattem**

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 22:1-14;  
Psalm 13;  
Romans 6:12-23;  
Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9**

**Rev. Sandi Masters**

### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;  
Psalm 45:10-17;  
Romans 7:15-25a;  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16**

**Rev. Roland Ratmeyer**

### **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34;  
Psalm 119:105-112;  
Romans 8:1-11;  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23**

**Rev. Sanjiv Kattakola**

### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 28:10-19a;  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;  
Romans 8:12-25;  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30**

**Rev. Roland Ratmeyer**

### **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 29:15-28;  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;  
Romans 8:26-39;  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Looking for an interactive bible study this summer?

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* Psalm 119:105

Registration for the **She is Called Women of the Bible, Volume 3 Summer Master Class** is officially open! This virtual Building God's Church Together resource is designed and led by women and men, and **all are welcome** as we engage with the authors themselves and a diverse group of like-hearted siblings in Christ. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX-FzxWf9iz1haqNT3uh4aDP-h41kTWO3PViWYNzPETf4e3g/viewform>

**Each Thursday, from July 6th through August 31st, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Eastern time**, we will meet via Zoom for an interactive Bible study to explore the stories of biblical women, deepen our understanding of the Biblical texts and share personal inspiration and insights. For some, this will be the chance to be better equipped to lead this study in your faith community. A unique component of this series is that each chapter's author or editor will facilitate their corresponding session.

To order your Volume 3 print edition (available in English and Spanish) or access the free digital chapters, visit **Faithward.org/women-of-the-bible-study-series**. **Be sure to allow 1.5–2 weeks for delivery** of the print copies.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend some or all of these study sessions. Please invite others in your circle to participate!



## Feed the Hungry and Feed Your Faith July and August Missions Offering

*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help him. – Hebrews 6:10*

The Deacons will be collecting funds during July and August for **Heifer International**. Heifer International works with faith communities around the world to reach disempowered populations, helping them create sustainable and prosperous futures. By providing livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training, they ensure that families have the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

*What does the Lord Require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8*

You can give to this ministry in person **during Sunday morning worship** (please make checks payable to Saddle River Reformed Church and designate as Mission of the Month) 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.**

<https://oldstonechurchonline.org/>



## THE REFORMED CHURCH HOME GOLF CLASSIC: SEPTEMBER 12

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

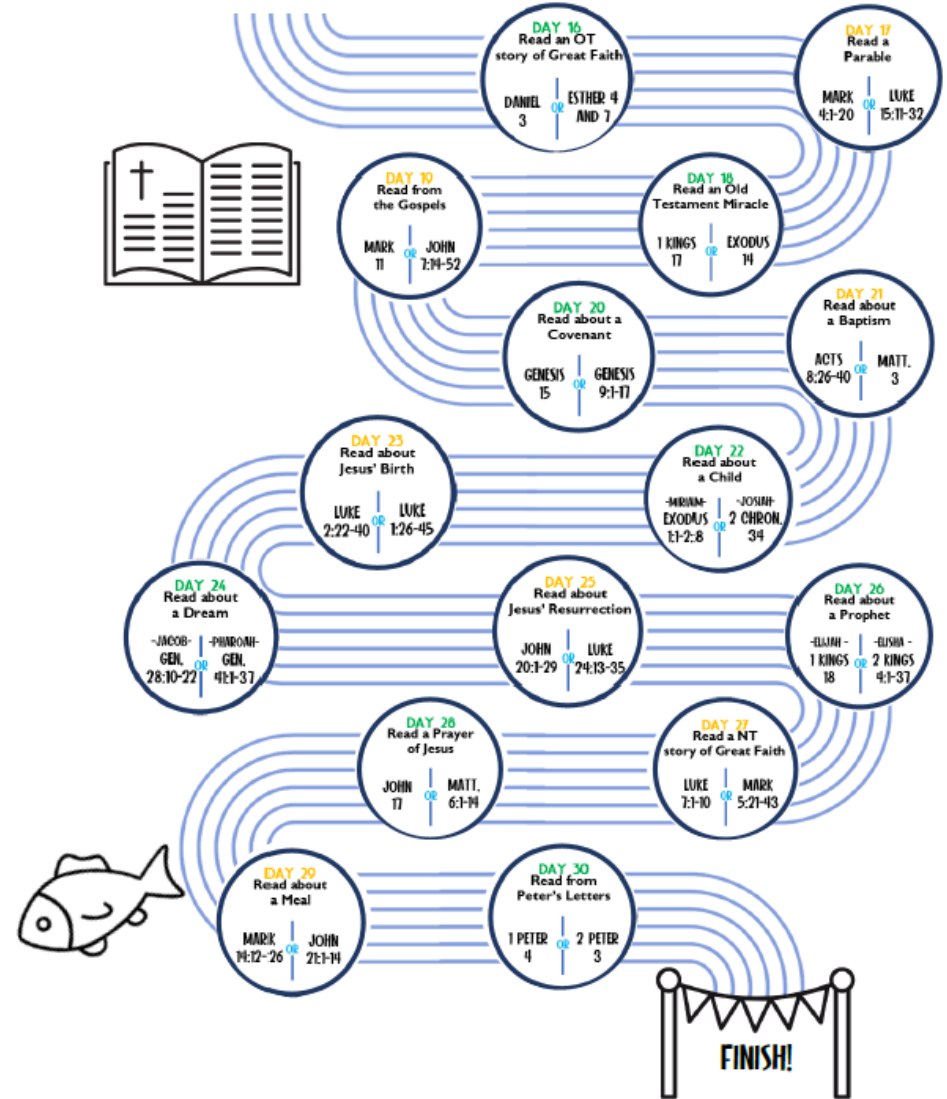
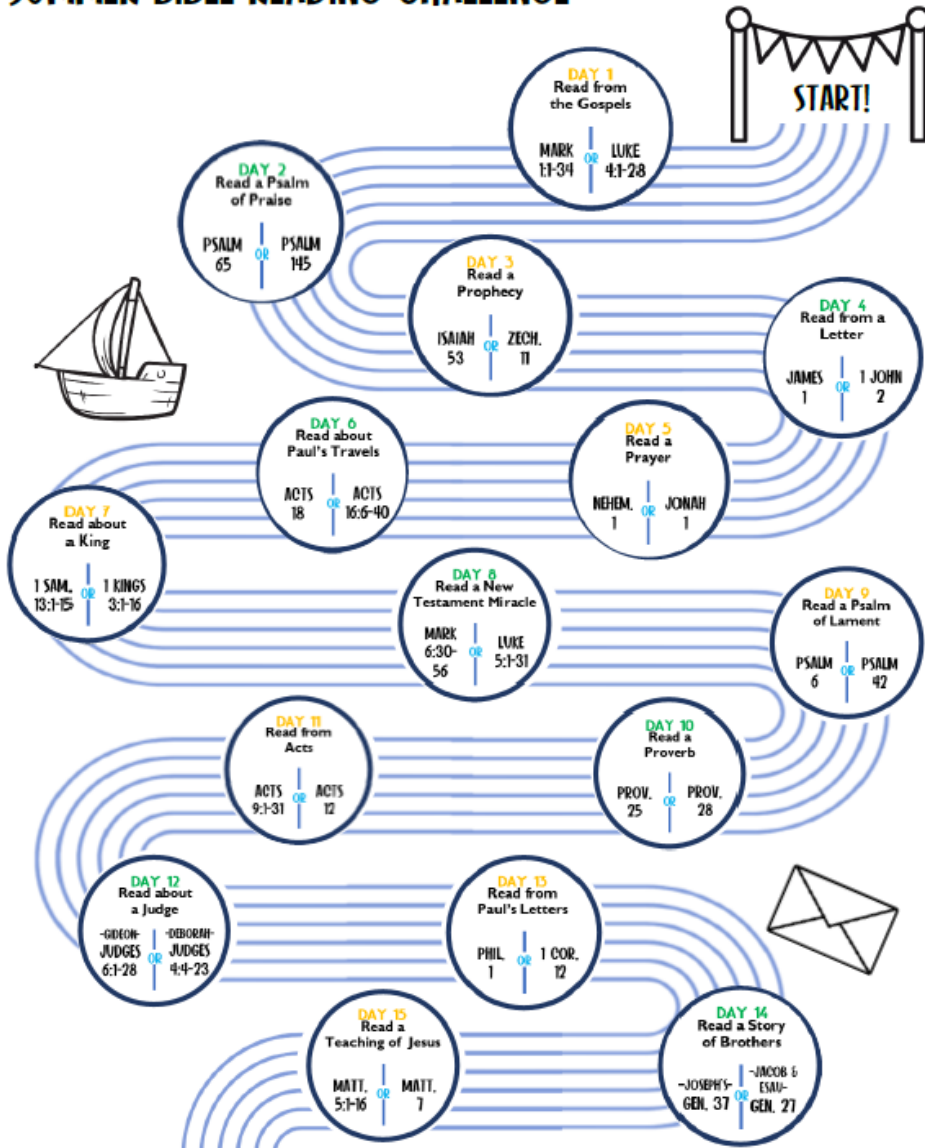
THE COLTS NECK  
GOLF CLUB

The Colts Neck Golf Club  
50 Flock Rd.  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

### 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

# SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



## Property Projects Appeal

Our church property, like your own home, needs constant maintenance to provide a safe environment. This year we will have to pay out more than we originally expected for property projects. Upper Saddle River has a new fire official who has been working his way through the town to bring the various buildings up to code. We were cited for over 20 violations. New signage and repairs to our Education Building have cost us more than \$4000. When the solar panels were installed on the east side of the Education Building, only the roof under the panels was replaced. The remaining roof has exceeded its life expectancy and has been patched as much as possible. We now need to replace the rest of the roof at a cost of \$25,000. When the parsonage was vacated two years ago, we had it professionally cleaned and made some minor repairs. The contractors that have been brought in to provide estimates for the many needed repairs and updates to prepare the building for our next pastor or possible tenant estimate that it will cost \$50,000 at a minimum to make the parsonage whole. We have all of these expenses on top of the regular wear and tear on three aging buildings.

We know this is a time when many are experiencing higher costs in their own lives, and asking for funding from you above and beyond your normal contributions may be challenging. We humbly ask that you consider designating a contribution to fund our property projects.

In Christ's Name,

Your Consistory  
Members



# CAMP WARWICK SUMMER 2023

unmistakable

Matthew 5:14-16

Register online through our website  
[www.campwarwick.org](http://www.campwarwick.org)

- Week 1: June 25-30  
Camp Sunrise and Day Camp
- Week 2: July 2-7  
Camp Sunrise and Day Camp
- Week 3: July 9-14  
Camp Sunrise and Day Camp
- Week 4: July 16-21  
Camp Sunrise and Day Camp
- Week 5: July 23-28  
Camp Sunrise and Day Camp
- Week 6: July 30-Aug. 4  
In-Camp and Day Camp
- Week 7: Aug. 6-11  
In-Camp and Day Camp
- Week 8: Aug. 13-18  
Day Camp
- Week 9: Aug. 20-25  
Day Camp

## WARWICK WORKDAY & WEEKENDS

September 29-  
October 1, 2023  
AND  
May 17-19, 2024

Join us for a day, or weekend, of service at the Warwick Conference Center. Gather a group from your church to help with indoor and outdoor projects around the property.

Arrive Saturday morning for a day of service or register for the weekend. Lodging in cabins and meals provided. Suggested \$50 donation per person to help cover expenses.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT THE CABINS AT CAMP WARWICK

When:  
Saturday, October 14th 1-4pm

Where:  
Camp Warwick Cabins  
62 Warwick Center Rd  
Warwick, NY 10990

Costumes welcome!

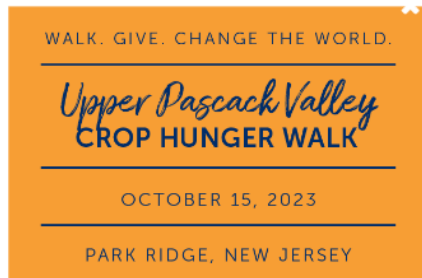
What to expect:  
Join us for trick-or-treating around our cabins decorated by churches and local businesses. We will have games, activities, snacks, and prizes!

## Community Announcements

**Lions Club 16 Annual Golf Classic - August 28th:** Saddle River Valley Lions 16th Annual Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic River Vale Country Club, 660 Rivervale Rd., River Vale, NJ. 12 Noon Shotgun Start--\$200 per golfer—Includes Greens Fees, Lunch, Beer and Beverages on the Course, Dinner with Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks Immediately following golf. Prizes, Auction, Raffle. No Four-some...No Problem...Singles Welcome! Contact Lion Jim (murphmove@gmail.com or Text 201-954-7601).

**Save the date!** 7th annual Upper Saddle River Town Wide Garage Sale will be on **Sat. Sept. 30th (rain date Oct. 1st)**. Applications are on the following website: [usrwom-ansclub.org](http://usrwom-ansclub.org). Start saving those treasures to sell as you organize this summer.

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.



### Upper Pascack Valley CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 15, 2023

CROP Hunger Walk  
Park Ridge, NJ 07656

**Join NJ Interfaith Center for Cancer Care 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 in an 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 at [austin.njic3improvingnj.org](mailto:austin.njic3improvingnj.org) if



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 approved a 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.

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Paul Kohn	7/1
William Conklin	7/3
Kathleen Breen	7/12
Jake Seibert	7/12
Ruth McGowan	7/25
Camille Conklin	7/27
Linda Strohmeyer	7/27
Pamela Kohn	7/31
Michelle & Stephen Bernal	7/9
Christopher & Dana Fretz	7/12
John & Tara Van Dam	7/17

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

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