

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

August 2023



**Inside: Photos of the
Memorial Garden in
Bloom**



Calendar

Summer Worship -
Sundays at 10am
Old Stone Church

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

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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August 2023 Lectionary Year A

August 6 - Communion Rev. Mel Van Hattem Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 Rev. Sandi Masters Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 Rev. Roland Ratmeyer Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15;
Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 27 Rev. Sanjiv Kattkola Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10;
Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20

Feed the Hungry and Feed Your Faith 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 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/>



Special Thanks to Eileen Jones for all her work in the Cemetery Memorial Garden!!!





Sew & Sews Group

The Sew & Sews next meeting will be Friday, September 8 at 12:30 in the Lounge at which time they will discuss their plans for the coming months. This group is open to everyone. The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

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!).

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.

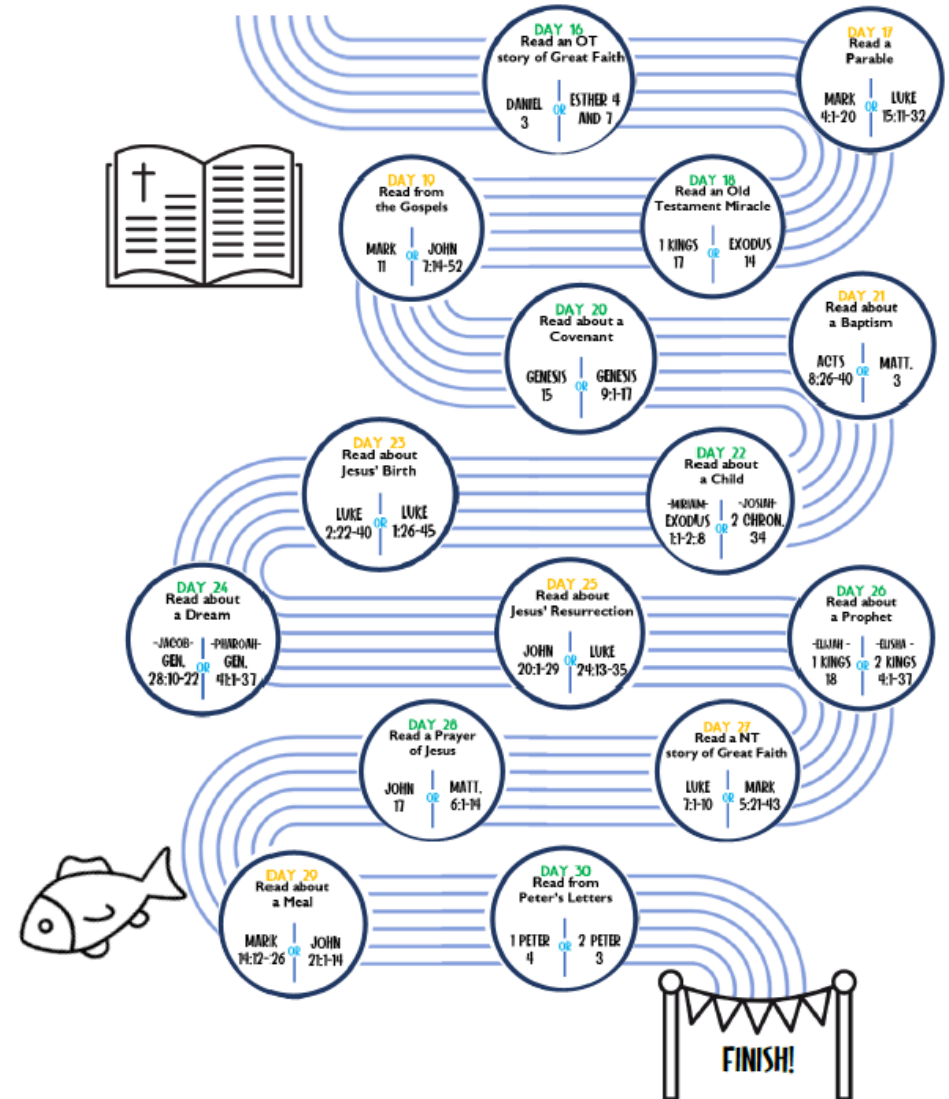
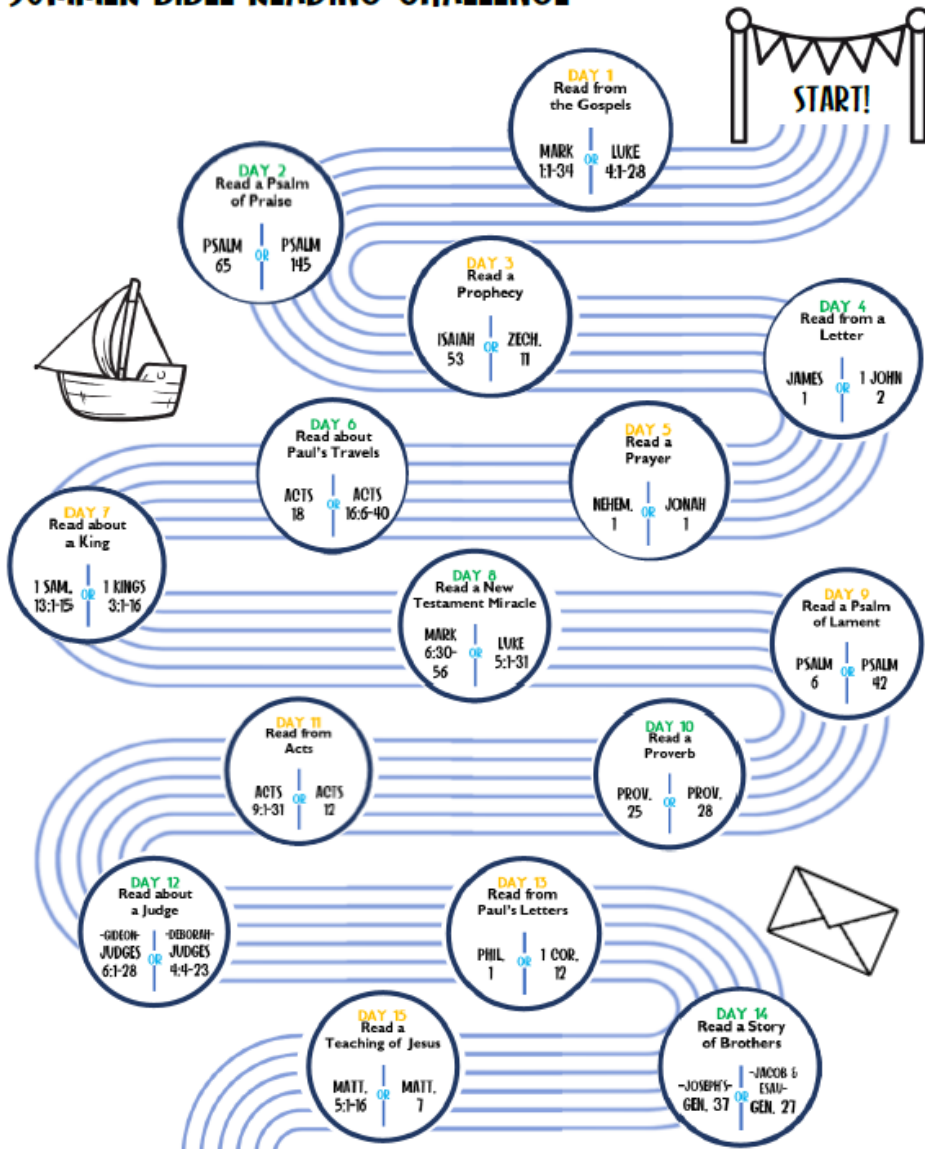
We know this is a time when many are experiencing higher costs in their own lives, and asking for funding from you above and beyond your normal contributions may be challenging. We humbly ask that you consider designating a contribution to fund our property projects.

In Christ's Name,

Your Consistory
Members



SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



CAMP WARWICK SUMMER 2023

unmistakable

Matthew 5:14-16

Register online through our website
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

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!

Costumes welcome!

THE REFORMED CHURCH HOME GOLF CLASSIC: SEPTEMBER 12

(click on the image below for the full brochure)

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The Reformed Church Home graciously thanks our event sponsor - EMS for their continued support and dedication to the mission of the Home.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

THE COLTS NECK
GOLF CLUB

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



NJ Interfaith Center for Cancer Care

The NJ Interfaith Center for Cancer Care

INTERFAITH
CANCER
SUPPORT
GROUP

announces a new program!

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 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. If you'd like to join the group, please scan the QR code below to answer a few questions. Email Nobuko at nobuko.njic3@improvingnj.org or Austin at austin.njic3@improvingnj.org if you have any questions.

19 S. 2nd Avenue
Highland Park, NJ 08904
www.njic3.org



Community Announcements

USR Cares Invites USR Seniors to Lunch: Join together for lunch at the USR Library, catered by Uncle Giuseppe's before the Library's screening of movies the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates are August 3rd and September 7th Interested seniors should RSVP to USR Cares one week prior to each lunch at usrcares@gmail.com or 201-749-1615. Information about USR Cares is available at www.usrcares.com.

BCUA Document Shredding, Electronics, Tires and Medication Recycling Event: The Bergen County Utility Authority will sponsor this event on **Saturday, August 12, 2023** at Bergen County Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ Collection hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., rain or shine. This event is free for Bergen County residents, ID required.

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).

The Holland Christian Home Foundation invites you to celebrate the Home's 128th Anniversary on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Tides Estate in North Haledon.** For tickets (\$125 each), please contact the HCH Foundation office at 973-427-4087 ext. 651.

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. Start saving those treasures to sell as you organize this summer.

USR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS Curbside Bulky Trash: Friday, October 13, 2023



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

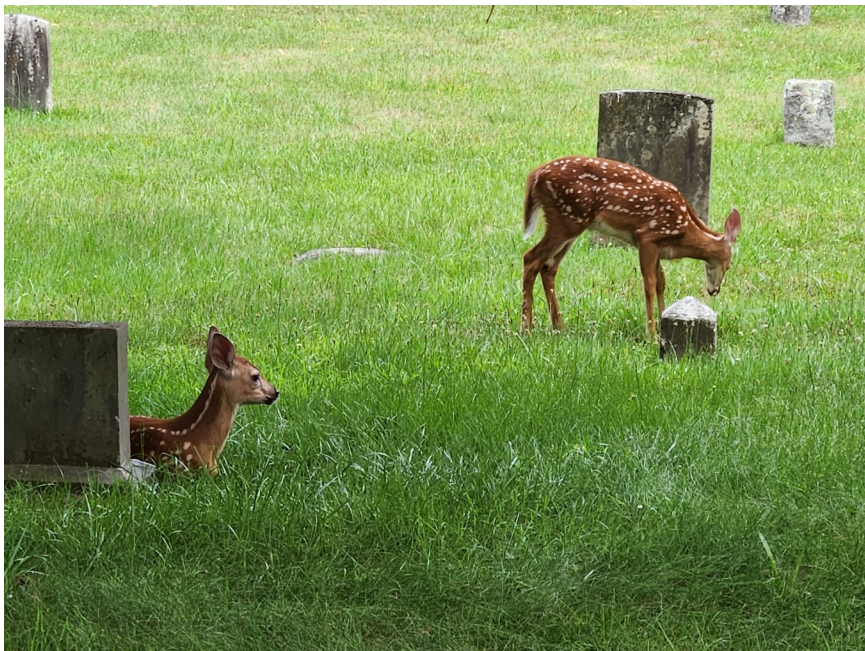
Sunday, October 15, 2023

CROP Hunger Walk
Park Ridge, NJ 07656

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



**Recent Cemetery Visitors
(and Landscapers)**

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.

**UPPER SADDLE RIVER
PROUD TO BE
STIGMA-FREE**

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Peter O'Malley	8/2
Laura Weber-Dietze	8/3
Anita Green	8/11
Cliff Kammerer	8/16
Diana Zalecki	8/19
Suzanne Peters-McCaig	8/20
Kathleen Moore	8/23
Jacqueline Erickson	8/24
Mary Parmelee	8/25
Lori Geiger	8/26
Michael DeMase	8/28
Jason Peters	8/28
Lanie Conklin	8/30
Randall Erickson	8/30
Cliff & Linda Kammerer	8/8
Matthew & Becca Fretz	8/15
Bob & Arlene Fretz	8/26
Peter O'Malley & Carol Ciancia	8/29

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 SEPTEMBER newsletter, please email the church office at srrcoffice@verizon.net.

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