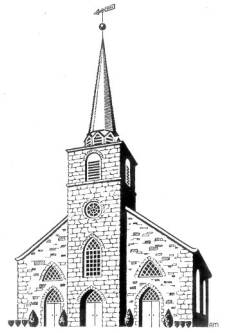


**Saddle River
Reformed Church
worshiping at
Old Stone Church
March 2024**



**We invite you to join us this
Lent and Easter
Every Sunday at 10am**

**Palm / Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 24 at 10am**

**Good Friday
Friday, March 29**
Old Stone Church will be open
between **12 noon and 2pm** for
prayers and meditation

**Easter
Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, March 31 at 10am**



Calendar

Worship - Sundays at 10am
Old Stone Church

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

Sew & Sew Group
Friday, March 1 at 12 noon in
the Lounge

Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, March 13 at
6:15pm in the Lounge

Sew & Sew Group
Friday, March 15 at 12 noon

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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**March 2024
Lectionary Year B**

**March 3 - Communion
Rev. Leah Ennis-Gasero
Third Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

**March 10
Dr. Angela Wei, RCA Seminarian
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

**March 17
Rev. Dr. Jodie Wu
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

**March 24
Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Liturgy of the Palms/Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

**March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Isaiah 42:1-9**

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

**March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week**

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

**March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week**

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

**March 28
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

**March 29
Good Friday**

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

**March 30
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

**March 31
Rev. Tom Larkin
Easter, Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Holy Week 2024

Palm / Passion Sunday, March 24
10:00 am
Worship led by Rev. Mel Van Hattem

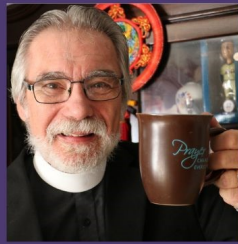
Maundy Thursday, March 28
7:30 pm
Pastor Mary Stegink invites our members to
Worship at
Ramapo Reformed Church
100 Island Road
Mahwah, NJ

Good Friday Vespers, March 29
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Self-guided

Easter Sunday, March 31
10:00 am
Worship led by Rev. Tom Larkin



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Join us on Wednesdays, Feb. 14 - March 20, 2024 @12:00 p.m.

NOON DAY LENTEN SERIES

Take a Lenten Lunch Break and hear speakers from throughout Bergen County reflect on the theme "Journeying With the Apostle Peter."

Bring a sandwich or whatever you'd like to enjoy in our lounge and have coffee, tea and desserts compliments of our Fellowship Committee.


Our Lenten Series Speakers:

Feb. 14	Rev. Dwayne Jackson	Mar. 6	Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Feb. 21	Rev. Arlene Romaine	Mar. 13	Rev. Charles Singletary
Feb. 28	Rev. Don McCracken	Mar. 20	Rev. Mark Ennis


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LENTEN



PRAYER GATHERINGS



4 THURSDAYS FROM 7:30-8:30PM EASTERN
FEB. 29, MARCH 7, 14 & 21 VIA ZOOM

Lenten prayer gatherings

You are invited to join us for prayer this Lent. We will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Eastern. Our first gathering is February 29; subsequent gatherings are March 7, 14, and 21. Gatherings will start with a brief devotion and check in, then move to breakouts for smaller group connecting and praying.

[Register for the prayer gatherings](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdukBfvCL1uCFKRUAJCXefxit9p5i3ZLqGTgCdZSkG4BfLuoA/viewform>

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.



How to make an Easter resurrection garden

You will need:

- ◇ Terra cotta/clay mini pot (for the tomb)
- ◇ Terra cotta/clay tray
- ◇ Potting soil
- ◇ Small pebbles
- ◇ Grass seed
- ◇ Flowers (optional)
- ◇ Large rock (to cover mini-pot)
- ◇ Small sticks (to make crosses)
- ◇ Twine (to make crosses)
- ◇ Glue gun
- ◇ Spray bottle

Instructions:

- ⇒ Place the small pot in the middle of the saucer and put the large rock in front of it.
- ⇒ Form a mound of soil over your small pot and on either side.
- ⇒ Arrange your small rocks in front and around the large one.
- ⇒ Sprinkle grass seed over the dirt and add a thin top layer of soil on top of the seeds. If you are going to include flowers for your garden, plant them in the soil.
- ⇒ Tie the twigs together with twine to make three crosses and plant them in the dirt mound when they dry.
- ⇒ Put garden in area with sunlight and water as needed.



How to bake resurrection rolls

Not only are resurrection rolls fun to make and delicious, but they bring the message home: the tomb is empty!

On Easter morning, Mary, Mary Magdalene and Mary, mother of Salome, went to anoint Jesus's body with spices. Instead, they met an angel who told them that Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead. In this recipe, an empty "tomb" forms when the melted marshmallow sinks into the dough.

The tasty buttery cinnamon inside reminds us of the spices and oils the women brought to the tomb that day. The empty "tomb" in the middle of the roll is a visual reminder of Jesus's empty tomb; this reminder has a sweet and delicious taste, reminding us of the joy of Jesus's resurrection.

Ingredients:

- ◇ 2 (8 oz.) cans of crescent rolls
- ◇ 16 large marshmallows
- ◇ ½ cup of butter
- ◇ 2 tablespoons of cinnamon
- ◇ ¼ cup of sugar

Instructions:

- ⇒ Open the can of crescent rolls. Unroll the dough and separate using the striations on the dough.
- ⇒ Melt the butter in a microwave.
- ⇒ Mix the cinnamon and sugar together in a small bowl.
- ⇒ Dip each marshmallow in the melted butter and then the cinnamon-sugar mixture.
- ⇒ Put each dipped marshmallow in the center of a crescent roll section. Next, close the crescent roll dough around the marshmallow and seal well.
- ⇒ Dip the top of each wrapped marshmallow into the butter and cinnamon-sugar mixture and place on a baking sheet or in a large muffin tin.
- ⇒ Bake in the oven at 375 degrees for 10-12 min.

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

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Read Micah 6:8 aloud and reflect on how to apply it to your life.	2 Give generously of your time, money, or other resources.
3	4 Read the Belhar Confession; pray for racial reconciliation and justice.	5 Practice centering prayer; guided by the Spirit, choose a sacred word and pray over that word for 20 minutes.	6 Pick one way to make your church more accommodating toward people with disabilities.	7 Write a note or letter to a missionary.	8 Make pretzels, a traditional Lenten treat.	9 Share your Lent pretzels or another treat with your neighbors.
10	11 Identify at least one way you can practice equitable hospitality.	12 Read, meditate, and pray using lectio divina.	13 Write a psalm of lament.	14 Talk to someone whose interpretation of Scripture is different from yours.	15 Unplug. Read a book, pray, or spend time with others instead.	16 Ask someone (who might need a friend!) to join you for a meal.
17	18 Evaluate your church's accessibility for people with disabilities.	19 Pray throughout the day with the Divine Hours (set times of the day for prayer).	20 Pray the Lord's Prayer.	21 Write your faith story.	22 Volunteer at or support a local non-profit that you care about.	23 Make resurrection eggs (especially great for kids!).
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 24	25 Write a note of encouragement to your pastor(s).	26 Go for a prayer walk.	27 Share your faith story with someone.	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 28 Make and eat a Christian Seder supper.	<i>Good Friday</i> 29 Read Luke 22:47-53. Reflect on a moment when you have betrayed Jesus and pray for forgiveness. OR Participate in a Tenebrae service.	30 Get to know a neighbor of a different faith.
<i>Easter</i> 31						



Palm Sunday

Time: The Sunday before Easter

Purpose: Palm Sunday commemorates the beginning of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. It celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Liturgical color: Red



Holy Week

Time: The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Purpose: Holy Week commemorates the last days of Jesus' earthly life. It is a time of repentance and sometimes fasting as the church prepares to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

Liturgical color: Through Wednesday the liturgical color is red. From Thursday through Saturday there is no color



Maundy Thursday

Time: Thursday of Holy Week

Purpose: Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Liturgical color: None



Good Friday

Time: Friday of Holy Week

Purpose: Good Friday is the commemoration of Jesus's crucifixion and death.

Liturgical color: None



Easter

Time: Easter is held on the Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox

Purpose: Easter is the celebration of Jesus's resurrection and the empty tomb. The Easter season lasts until Pentecost Sunday.

Liturgical color: White

March and April Missions Offering

The Deacons will be collecting funds during March and April for **The Salvation Army New Jersey Division**. The Salvation Army helps vulnerable individuals and families across New Jersey access essential programs and services—breaking the cycle of poverty and despair, and providing hope for a better future.



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/>



Thank you!!!

The church office received an email from the **Center for Food Action** thanking us for our monetary gift. They noted that because of our support, our neighbors will have healthy and nutritious food on their tables for their families.



She Is Called sabbath rest retreat

Our She Is Called sabbath rest retreat is April 5-7 at the lovely Warwick Conference Center in Warwick, New York. You are invited to come away from the busyness of life and ministry and experience sabbath rest. Registration is now open, including participation options for one, two, or three days.

[Register here](#)

https://reformedchurch.my.salesforce-sites.com/eventlisting/CnP_PaaS_EVT__ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a36Vm0000001tKDIA



Registration opens
February 16th!
www.campwarwick.org



DAY CAMP

Completing K-8th grade

Week 1
July 1-5

Week 2
July 8-12

Week 3
July 15-19

Week 4
July 22-26

Week 5
July 29-August 2

Week 6
August 5-9

Week 7
August 12-16

Week 8
August 19-23



CAMP SUNRISE

Adults 18-55 y/o

Week 1
June 30-July 5

Week 2
July 7-12

Week 3
July 14-19

Week 4
July 21-26

Week 5
July 28-August 2

WEEKLY Bible Study/Lecture

Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge followed by the “Lunch Bunch” from 12:15-1pm. God chooses the most unlikely people to serve Him...fishermen, tax collectors, even a prostitute like Rahab. Her story is found in Joshua chapter 2. In our Bible study we learned of her courage, her resourcefulness, and her loyalty to her family. Our study leader, James Jones, expanded on her story by describing the protective wall of stone that surrounded the city of Jericho. It was large enough to house whole families within it. And we also learned about the flax that Rahab used to safely hide God’s Israeli spies. Come and visit this group of 10 or 12 men and women who explore the Bible with hearts open to spiritual learning. We know it takes courage to walk in to a new group of people, but you can be sure that this group is open, smiling, and welcoming. †

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!).

Website and Social Media

Have you checked out our website or social media feeds recently? There are new postings several times a week on Facebook and Instagram. Be sure to check them out and follow and/or give us a “like.”
Website: <https://oldstonechurchonline.org/>
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Community Announcements

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 will meet in the **Coffee Room of the church building (100 Island Rd)**. We will meet every other Tuesday through June. **The dates for March are 3/5 and 3/19.**

Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library: They continue to offer titles for all ages and interests, as we prepare for their upcoming March sales on **Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Stop by and buy! Their prices can't be beat! As always, any child who comes to browse may select a free book.

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.

JOIN US THIS WINTER FOR CAMP SNOWBALL!



Session 3: February 23-25, 2024
Session 4: April 19-21, 2024

Registration and Volunteer Application are open and you can find them on our website!
campwarwick.org/camp-snowball

**NEW TO CAMP WARWICK?
JOIN US FOR A TOUR!**

March 16 @ 2pm ● April 13 @ 10:30am
May 18 @ 10:30am ● June 1 @ 2pm

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APRIL 28, 2024

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

CROP Hunger Walk
Irvington, NY 10533

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 Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6, Pasta, White & Brown Rice, Dried Beans, Baby Formula, Bar or Bottle Soap, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Canned Meat & Fish, Canned Pastas, Stews, & Chilis, Canned Tomatoes, and Low Sugar Cereal.

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.

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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Karl Nixdorf	3/2
Edward Coblentz	3/3
Sarah DiPaolo	3/3
Devon Seibert-Bailey	3/4
David Fretz	3/9
Ava Strohmeier	3/12
John Seibert	3/13
Rick Gagnon	3/14
Harold Peters	3/15
Mary Vitiello	3/15
Bucky Rehan	3/16
Scott Nier	3/19
Sienna Parmelee	3/22
Stephanie Doyle	3/25
Barbara Hendricks	3/25
Arlene Fretz	3/27

Wayne & Anna Kung 3/25

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.

GIVE

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