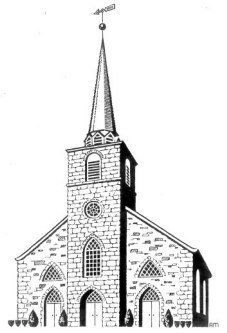


**Saddle River
Reformed Church
worshiping at
Old Stone Church
May 2024**



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Calendar

Worship - Sundays at 10am
Old Stone Church

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

Sew & Sews Group
Friday, May 3 at 12 noon in
the Lounge

Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, May 8 at 6:15pm
in the Lounge

Sew & Sew Group
Friday, May 17 at 12 noon

Tour of Gravesites of Veterans
Sunday, May 26
11:30am-3pm

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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**May 2024
Lectionary Year B**

**May 5 - Communion
Rev. Dr. Stephen Giordano**

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 9
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 12
Dr. Naoki Inoue
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Rural Life Sunday
Mother's Day
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19
Rev. Dr. Jodie Wu
Day of Pentecost
Women in Ministry Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26
Rev. Dr. Roland Ratmeyer
Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Ascension Day

Time: 40 days after Easter Sunday

Purpose: Ascension Day is the celebration of Jesus's ascension after his resurrection.

Liturgical color: White



Pentecost

Time: Seven weeks after Easter

Purpose: Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Liturgical color: Red



Trinity Sunday

Time: The first Sunday after Pentecost

Purpose: Trinity Sunday celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Liturgical color: White

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The cemetery dates to the 18th century. Set against the lovely church, a national landmark, it is a beautiful place to walk and view the old gravestones. There are eight patriot graves from the American Revolution — something to note as we move towards the 250th celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

There are veterans from major wars — American Revolution, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War — and veterans who served in peace time. Stop by and learn about them.

The origins of Memorial Day go back to springtime in the late 1860s, when towns began honoring the fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers. In 1868, there was a national appeal to decorate the Civil War veterans' graves on May 30. At first it was known as Decoration Day and then gradually became Memorial Day, still held on May 30. In 1968 Congress established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

If you have information to contribute on a veteran buried in the cemetery, contact Stephanie in the church office at srrcoffice@verizon.net or 201-848-2757.

Memorial Day Prayer

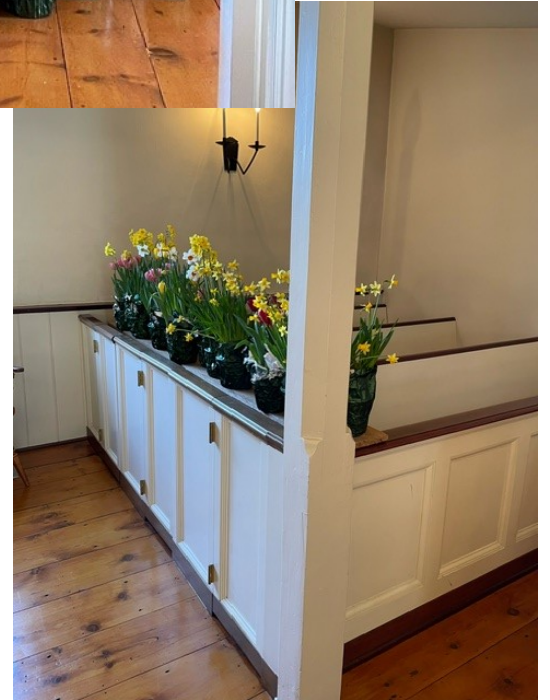
Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. Let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Prayer Book for the Armed Forces, p. 65*)



Easter Photos



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May and June Missions Offering

The Deacons will be collecting funds during May and June for **Church World Service (CWS) Blankets** program that shares blankets, warmth and comfort to those in need. When tough times arise, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference.

Through the CWS Blankets program, you can share compassion, in a practical way, with neighbors facing hard times. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.



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 in the mail a letter from New Jersey Foot & Ankle Center for our **donation of shoes** for their recent collection to help people in need.





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

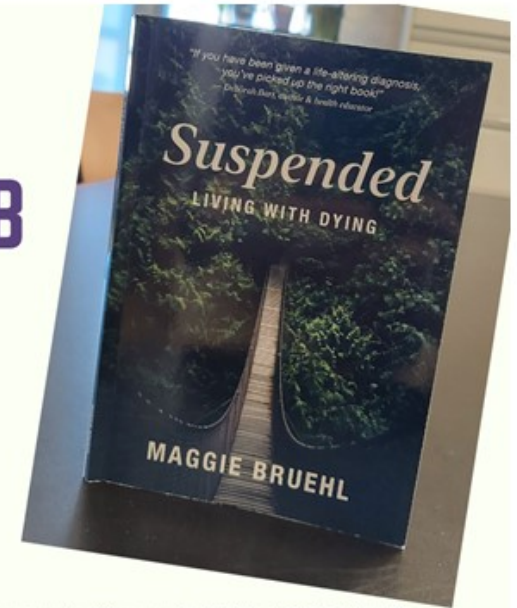
Week 3
July 14-19

Week 4
July 21-26

Week 5
July 28-August 2



BOOK CLUB



Join NJIC3 as we explore Maggie Bruehl's memoir, "Suspended: Living With Dying." Written with thoughtfulness, grace, and humor, the book tells the story of her lengthy cancer journey and lessons learned along the way. Maggie shares her story in brief, easily read chapters filled with personal anecdotes, philosophical ponderings, and stories of love and courage.

The book club will meet via Zoom twice a month for a series of eight meetings. If you'd like to join the group, please visit <https://rebrand.ly/NJIC3-LWD-book-club> or scan the QR code above. You'll be taken to a form with more details and you'll be asked to provide information that will help determine the time and day that the group will meet. Email Austin at austin.njic3@improvingnj.org with questions not answered on the form.

WEEKLY Bible Study

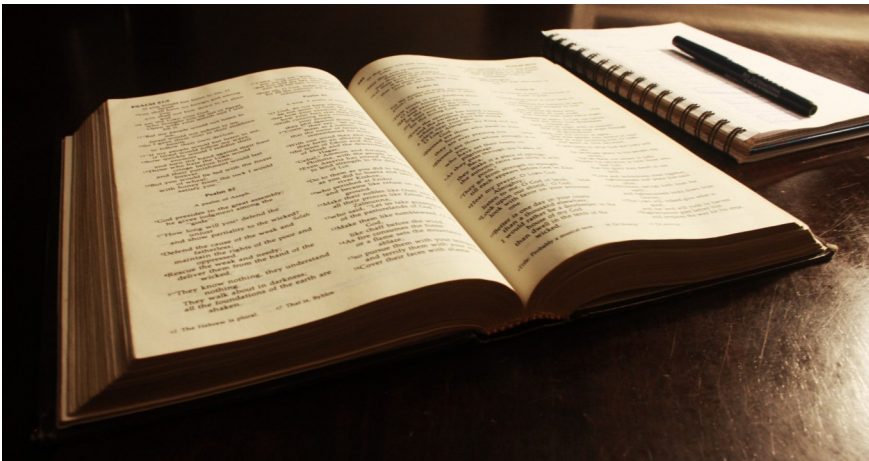
Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge followed by the “Lunch Bunch” from 12:15-1pm. Making Plans -

In Bible study this week we talked about making plans and following God’s plan.

God made a plan for the Israelites when they were Egyptian slaves. He sent Moses to lead them. He provided a column of cloud and fire as a guide ahead of them. He moved the column to their rear to protect them when the Egyptian army threatened. He opened the Red Sea for them to cross safely. His plan was magnificent and miraculous...just like God.

We are not Egyptian slaves, but we still have problems and God knows what they are. Yes, He knows our problems and He provides us with His protection. He will show us the way. He parts the sea. He knows where we are. He plans ahead. Exodus is not a story of the past.

Every Wednesday at 11AM our Bible study leader, James Jones, uses illustrations and personal experiences to enrich our understanding of God’s Word. His respect for the Bible and his love of God inspire us all toward a deeper connection of our own faith. †



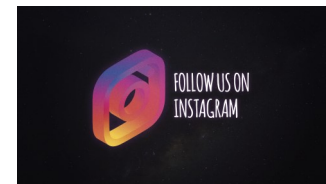
After Worship Church Community Socials

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://oldstonechurchoonline.org/>
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3RD ANNUAL RUN/WALK
 SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024
 OVERPECK PARK



On May 4, 2024, Center for Food Action will host our third annual 5K Run/Walk for Hunger at Overpeck Park.

Help fight hunger in our community, grab the kids, grab your walking shoes and join us. No one should be hungry in New Jersey, yet hunger is present in every town and community. Together we can raise funds to purchase nutritious food for people and families in need.

Sign up TODAY! The first 30 registrants will get the early bird pricing of just \$35!

This is a USATA certified course and timed race for runners and walkers! Register your family and friends today or sign up as a team. All are welcome!

**Meet us at Overpeck Park
 to Fight Hunger
 One Step at a Time
 For CFA's
 3rd Annual Run/Walk
 Saturday, May 4th, 2024**

**Registration opens at 7:30 am
 Race Begins at 9:00 am
 Cost \$40.00 Per Adult • \$20.00 Per Child**



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

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

**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



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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May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jane Collins	5/8
Maureen DeMase	5/9
Suzette Fretz	5/11
Cameron Parmelee	5/16
Julie Kohn	5/24
Jeffrey Kreismer	5/24

Jake & Rachel Seibert
5/20

David & Mary Kate Fretz
5/21

Rozanne Sullivan & Lee Zimet
5/25

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.



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

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