

# *The Messenger*

## **Upper Ridgewood Community Church**

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## **OCTOBER 2011**

*Worship Services are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday*

*Nursery care is provided for infants to children three years of age*

*Parents are encouraged to make use of the Nursery*

*Church School meets from approximately 10:20 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
with children participating in the early part of worship.*

### **COMMUNITY CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

The Reverend Nolan D. Palsma, Liturgist and Preacher

**October 2**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46**

**October 16**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 99, Matthew 22:15-22**

**October 9**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 106; Matthew 22:1-14**

**October 23**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 90; Matthew 22:34-46**

**October 30**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scriptures: Psalm 107; Matthew 23:-1-12**

## MINISTER'S COLUMN

One of my favorite scripture verses comes from Isaiah 43:18-19a: *Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

God's work in our lives is always a mystery. Hurricane Irene comes through and floods the basement causing a real inconvenience for our fall church school program. However, the basement is getting new flooring and the rooms a new coat of paint. It will definitely freshen up the space and provide a nice learning environment for our congregation. Is this the new thing which is springing forth and do we perceive it?

Rev. Judy Broecker, pastor of First Reformed Church in Ridgewood, and founder of the "Friends to Friends" ministry is considering retirement in three years. The consistory has begun initial discussions on whether the two churches can have a shared ministry. While the communities of faith would remain separate and unique ministries, they would support one another in mission with one governing body. Is this the new thing which is springing forth and do we perceive it?

"Do not remember the former things. . . I am about to do a new thing" is Isaiah's poignant call to the covenant of faith to wake up to the future which God so graciously gives. Such a response requires an imagination and senses that are keen to perceive the advent of God's divine purposes. Could God through Isaiah be speaking to us? We will see.

Looking forward to your faithful attendance in worship and in the ministry of Christ at Upper Ridgewood Community Church.

Peace,

Pastor Nolan

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING DATES

### *Sunday-Oct 2*

11:15 am 'After Hours' Discussion in Room #5

### *Monday, Oct 3*

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

### *Tuesday-Oct 4*

8:00 am Ridgewood Interfaith Clergy Meeting @ Christ Church

### *Wednesday-Oct 5*

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

### *Thursday-Oct 6*

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #7 meets in Hess Hall

8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in the Music Room

### *Saturday-Oct 8*

9:30 am Women's Harvest Breakfast at Church on the Green  
located at 42 Court Street, Hackensack

11:00 am Roukema Memorial Service in the sanctuary

### *Sunday-Oct 9*

11:15 am 'After Hours' Discussion in Room #5

### *Tuesday-Oct 11*

7:00 pm Consistory Meeting in the Easton Great Room

*Wednesday-Oct 12*

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

*Thursday-Oct 13*

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #7 meets in Hess Hall

8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in the Music Room

*Sunday-Oct 16*

11:00 am Fire Drill during Worship Service

1:15 pm CROP WALK at Van Neste Square, Ridgewood-Senior High's are asked to join in the Walk for Hunger

*Tuesday-Oct 18*

7:00 pm Elders Meeting in the Easton Great Room

*Wednesday-Oct 19*

8:00 am Personnel Committee Meeting in the Minister's Office

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

*Thursday-Oct 20*

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #7 meets in Hess Hall

7:00 pm Greater Palisades Classis Meeting

8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in the Music Room

*Saturday-Oct 22*

5:00 pm Fall Fling Party at the home of Gina Boesch and Doug Dittrick  
364 Manchester Road, Ridgewood

*Monday-Oct 24*

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

*Thursday-Oct 27*

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #7 meets in Hess Hall

8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in the Music Room

*Monday-Oct 31*

8:45 am Tarvin Realtors-Brokers Course in the Easton Great Room

**ON THE WEB:** [www.ccur.org](http://www.ccur.org) We are linked to the Ridgewood Village website under religious institutions. So...check the WEB for CCUR...the more "hits" we receive the faster the system works.

**EMAILS REQUESTED:** If you would like to receive the *Messenger* electronically, and haven't done so already, kindly contact the church office at 201-445-4082 or email Liz directly at [ccur2@verizon.net](mailto:ccur2@verizon.net). For those of you who live out of state, an updated address/phone number and email address would be greatly appreciated here in the church office.

**CHURCH SCHOOL:**

The following is the Church School Schedule for the month of October:

Due to basement renovation, individual classes are merged into an All Church School Program in Hess Hall until further notice (Children & Worship through 8th Grade)

Oct 2: Dawn Heerema and Senior High Helper

Oct 9: Dawn Heerema and Senior High Helper

Oct 16: Dawn Heerema and Senior High Helper

Oct 23: Dawn Heerema and Senior High Helper

Oct 30: Dawn Heerema and Senior High Helper

**All Church School Session, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, will include pumpkin carving, snacks and fun at 10:15. Please bring your own pumpkin with you or contact Dawn by Oct. 9 ([dusk2dawn@mac.com](mailto:dusk2dawn@mac.com)) to reserve a pumpkin for your child (\$6 per pumpkin). Teens and teachers are invited to carve pumpkins for the church front steps and to assist the younger students. We welcome your help as we bring the light of Jesus to the holiday! Pumpkin-inspired bakery donations are always yummy (hint, hint...)!!!

### **Church School Update:**

Blessings to all of you! My family and I thank you for your open-hearted welcome.

It has been wonderful meeting the congregation and especially the children. I look forward to the weekly All Church School Programs this month. With the construction following the flood, we are going to reorganize church school tentatively until we can move back into the classrooms. *All children from preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Hess Hall each Sunday after the Children's Prayer* to enjoy an old-fashioned, one-room school house with me.

The senior high students will join us to act as class aids for little ones. You do not have to let me know ahead of time, just pop down and see how we are doing. I will be in communication with you regarding teacher schedules once we know the classrooms are functioning again. We still need teachers for Jr. and Sr. High classes. Each group only meets 2 mornings of the month, so the commitment is minimal and very rewarding.

We extend a special word of thanks to Chris Autera and his team as they undertake much of the cosmetic updates to the classrooms. My sincere thanks to those of you who give your talents, finances and prayerful support as we work to create a beautiful, clean, creative space for our young members.

I encourage you to walk downstairs each Sunday and see the current state of the church school and the progress we will make weekly. It is really unbelievable how much the water has damaged the property, but God is good. Soon we will have a fabulous space for His precious children when all is said and done.

I will have a donations request available in the foyer to members who wish to help get the church school back on its feet. All donations are appreciated.

*Dawn Heerema*

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

The Senior Highs had a productive planning meeting with advisors and parents on Sunday, September 18. As you peruse the schedule below, you will see that the group will be involved in local mission projects, worship leadership, faith nurture and fundraisers. Some of the new or revived additions to Senior High schedule are ushering, serving communion, assisting in church school and reading the first lesson in worship. The mission trip, which was initially planned for February 20-24, 2012 in Way, Alabama, has been canceled. Instead, the group is planning a mission trip to Prattsville, NY, on November 9-13 and possibly April 9-13 as well. Prattsville was devastated by a major flood after Hurricane Irene and is home to one of our Reformed Churches.

Should you have any questions about Sr. High Youth Fellowship, you may contact anyone of the advisors: Pastor Nolan, Kevin Schloerb, Rawn Seifert and Christy Dittrick.

### **Senior High Fellowship Schedule 2011-2012**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COORDINATORS</u>
Sept. 18	Planning Mtg. with parents and kids	Advisors
Oct. 16	Crop Walk @ 1:30 p.m. Van Neste Park	Advisors
Nov.9-13	Mission Trip to Prattsville	Advisors
Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Pie Sale (fundraiser)	Tracy A./Laurie G.
Dec. 11	Caroling at 5:30 p.m.	Advisors
Dec. 18	Tableau Practice at 5:30 p.m.	Advisors
Dec. 24(Sat.)	Tableau on Christmas Eve. at 4:00 p.m.	Advisors
Jan. 8	Mtg. with Parents and kids @ 7 p.m.	Advisors
Jan. 21(Sat.)	Friends to Friends lunch, noon-2pm	Lindsey Barclay
Feb. 5	Super Bowl Subs (fundraiser)	Bob/Susan Wei
Feb. 12	Session at 7 p.m. or Local Mission Project	Advisors
Mar. 11	Friends to Friends 4:30 p.m. set-up; 5:30 p.m. dinner; 7:00 worship	Ann-Britt Paulsen
Apr. 8	Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt (fundraiser)	Jamie Depeau
Apr. 15	Holocaust Commemoration Service @ Temple Israel	Advisors
May 11	Tea Party for the Congregation (Fundraiser)	Jean Underwood
June TBA	“Solidarity Sleep Out” through Covenant House	Advisors

**PROPERTIES:** A big Thank You to everyone who helped at the URCC Workday on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSISTORY MEETING:** The consistory will meet on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Easton Great Room.

**CROP WALK:** WALK A FEW MILES and save a life: The annual CROP Walk, organized by Church World Service, will be on October 16, starting at 1:15 p.m. at Van Neste Square. All ages can participate, whether you want to walk a mile, three miles or up to six miles. If you can't walk that day, give generously to sponsor URCC walkers. Each year, our church has raised 10 percent or more of funds netted by the Ridgewood area CROP Walk. Our contributions will directly feed starving refugees in the Horn of Africa, and also help the needy in our community through the Center for Food Action. The need this year is particularly great, given the strife and severe drought in Africa, and economic uncertainty here at home. For more details, contact Mary Ann Copp at 201-670-9097 or [coppm2001@hotmail.com](mailto:coppm2001@hotmail.com). *Checks should be made payable to UPPER RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH AND NOT CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. Please mark the memo section of your check with CROP WALK.* All checks are due in the church office before the end of October.

**SAVE THE DATE: FALL FLING PARTY:** This year our annual Fall Fling Party will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 5 pm – 8 pm. at the home of Gina Boesch and Doug Dittrick, 364 Manchester Road, Ridgewood. We are asking everyone to bring either wine or beer *and* an appetizer to share. Sign Up sheets are located in Fromm Foyer as well as the Narthex. You may also call or email the church office. Please include your name, number of adults attending and what kind of appetizer you might bring. This event does not usually include children. Hope you can come!

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:** On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. At worship special prayers of remembrance and thanksgiving will be offered for those who have died since last All Saints Sunday. If you would like to have someone remembered in the special prayers, please call the church office no later than Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CLASSIS of GREATER PALISADES** invites all women to attend our Women's Harvest Breakfast on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Church on the Green, 42 Court St., Hackensack. Guest Speaker is Sandi Masters with Music direction by Jung Soo Park-Closter Chamber Ensemble. Prayer Leader for the breakfast is Johnnie Lovejoy. In lieu of a cash offering, please bring donations of the following items to help fill our harvest baskets.

- Canned and/or dry food for the Woodcliff RC Food Pantry
- Yarn/needles/hooks/patterns for Anchor House
- Cans of soda/bottled water/individual sized snacks/socks toiletries or dinner napkins for The River

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the Christian Health Care Center Centennial Worship Service being held on Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 pm at the Hawthorne Gospel Church, 2000 Route 208 North, Hawthorne, NJ. Message delivered by Josh McDowell, world-renowned speaker, apologist and evangelist. Musical selections by The Cathedral Choir.

**THRIFT SHOP:** Please remember that Thrift Shop clothing of the current season and in good condition, toys, books, bric-a-brac and many other items are accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Thrift Shop (lower level of the King's Shopping Center in Midland Park) on Mondays and the first Saturday of every month. Their phone number is 201 652-7661 if you have any questions.

URCC receives a percentage of a sale on an item with our #7 attached to item. Quarterly, URCC receives a check for our share. Any money received will be credited to the Senior High Mission Trip. There are many winners! You win by recycling your things, the Thrift Shop wins by receiving

items to sell. And our Senior Highs win with additional funds for their Mission Trip. Please donate to the Thrift Shop. And a BIG Thank You to all who volunteer their time.

*Sally Sypen*

**SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS AND USHERS:** The volunteer sign up lists for Social Hour hosts are posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Just a reminder that hosts only prepare for Coffee Hour and only bring a small jug of milk (no snack) and no longer serve as greeters in the narthex. This change was made to make the job a bit easier for everyone. Each Sunday a member of the Consistory serves as Head Usher at worship. Should you wish to assist on any Sunday, just sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. **This social time after worship is a vital part of our church.** Please make an effort to sign up because everyone's help is needed.

**NEXT FOOD SUNDAY:** October 16 is the next date for the food collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's Parish in Paterson. This food pantry provides emergency food supplies and household products to individuals and families in need. Persons are referred to this food program by ten different social service agencies, government offices and churches in the area. The next time you shop, please put a few extra items in your shopping cart for someone else.

**CROP WALK**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**  
**1:15 P.M. United Methodist Church**  
(across from Van Neste Square)

Come support a Walk for Hunger

THE WALK IS ONLY SUCCESSFUL IF THERE ARE SPONSORS.

Please bring a can of protein to the walk or to the church on  
Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Cut here mail to the church office or leave in offering basin*

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**CROP HUNGER WALK**

October 16, 2011

1:15 p.m. Van Neste Square

I/We will donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Church World Service for hunger.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

***Check should be made payable to Upper Ridgewood Community Church (URCC) NOT Church World Service. All checks should be sent to the church office no later than October 31, 2011.***

***\*\*Thanks for your generous past support\*\****



