

WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10:30am

1/31 **Nothing!**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

2/7 **How We Doin'?**

Isaiah 6:1-8;
Luke 5:1-11

2/14 **Go Refigure**

Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-36

2/17 Ash Wednesday
8pm Communion

2/21 **Tempting**

Deut. 26:1-11
Luke 4:1-13

2/28 **A Control Issue**

Genesis 15:1-12
Luke 13:31-35

3/7 **The Promise of God**

Isaiah 55:1-9

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1/31 4pm Choral Arts Society Concert —6pm Youth Pizza & Games—FREE!!
- 2/7 SouperBowl of Caring Collection-Pick up Food from-New Orleans Fund-raiser; SPC Church Historic Tour 1pm
- 2/26 Kingdom of Jerusalem Lecture
- 3/5 Dinner & Movie Night "Places In the Heart" 7pm

Scarborough News

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Please, No Explanations

"God will not suffer man to have a knowledge of things to come; for if he had prescience of his prosperity, he would be careless; and if understanding of his adversity, he would be despairing and senseless"

-Saint Francis

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.
Matthew 6:34

The disaster still unfolding in Haiti is horrific and so hard to believe. Of course nothing like it should ever happen to anyone for any reason. The terror and the sorrow and the long road to recovery is frightening and daunting even for those of us not anywhere near touched by this tragedy. It is overwhelming at the very least. I am sure we all join in prayer and hope for all the people there. One particularly troubling part of the event is how many people were in Haiti helping and are now victims. Something is all wrong with that.

Certainly by now there are those trying to explain why something like this happens. There are always those who follow tragedies trying to make sense out of nonsense. Usually they are preachers and theologians who seem to need to know the mind of God. Many times they sound just as foolish as their endeavor. After Katrina there were those idiots who proclaimed that it was the work of God against a godless people. I haven't heard anyone say anything so stupid yet, but I will not be surprised if we do.

I am also quite certain that there will be those who see this as another sign that the end is near. It too is a curious response. God is preparing us for the big wipe out by destroying one city. It is curious because it goes so counter to the way I think about God.

First of all God didn't do it. God doesn't go around destroying God's creation for any reason...least of all as a warning or a punishment. God's intention is not to condemn the world but to save it...and does so because God loves the world that much...you can look it up... start at John 3:16. I am amazed that so many interpreters of the event so quickly jump to punishment or warning. I think people go there to provide an explanation. I don't need an explanation that much. I would rather believe that God has no power over such things than to believe God has anything to do with burying children, aid workers, grandmothers and everyone else who happened to be there. That is not my God and I feel sorry for you if it is your God because you live in a scary world indeed. However, all of this is speculation on the nature of God. I can't prove my God exists just the way I think...neither can those with another opinion. Again it is all speculation and we could chase the ideas around for eternity and never come any closer to the reality of the true God.

What I know for sure is this. In the face of tragedy people of faith find strength and love and hope in a shared spirit. It isn't magic but it makes *the* difference. God put into us an ability to endure and even to thrive through the greatest darkness and that ability is tapped most effectively when we embrace faith. God is right in the midst of all that suffering and I know that the people there today can feel it. I have never been in the presence of death or tragedy when I did not feel at the very same time the sanctity of life and the presence of God.

There is a hope that runs through all life that is greater than any circumstance and at the same time it gives us the chance to live abundantly even in the darkest times. Christ came to give life and give it abundantly...I think this is especially true for those of us who seek and find faith, always.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS

Serving in January/February

	Ushers	Liturgists	Coffee Hour
1/31	_____	Jay Sutterlin	Catherine & Arthur McKinley
2/7	Connie Curran	Jeff Waldo	Susan Burlazzi
2/14	_____	_____	Signe Seelinger
2/17	_____	ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00pm	
2/21	_____	Robert Lewis	_____
2/28	Lisa Pavlik	Barbara Cody	_____
3/7	_____	_____	Lisa Pavlik

Volunteer!

The church of course cannot thrive or even exist without volunteer help. The truth is that the church is the people! There are many ways to be involved in the life of the church. If you would like to be an usher in worship, host a coffee hour, or be a liturgist in the worship service, you can do so by going to the website (aboutspc.org) and clicking on any of those items. If you do not have web access please call the office (941-1142) and we will help you from our computers.

FEED MY SHEEP

Each Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of each month) we will collect **nonperishable food** to donate to the Ossining Food Pantry. Contributions may also be brought at other times and left in the shopping bags in the Chapel.

Check it out...

THE BLOCK is a photography exhibition at the Ossining Public Library from February 6th to the 16th by Ossining Native (and SPC church member) **TOMMY EVANS**.

Tommy photographs the tight-knit Ossining community in which he grew up.

Tommy is a graduate of Ossining High School and Purchase University, having attended several different colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

Tommy has hiked the rain forests of Brazil with a National Geographic photographer, and the Andes Mountains with another photography professor.

Opening reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6th from 3 to 5 pm.

Interested in Joining?

On Sunday, February 28th we will be receiving new members into the congregation.

If you have been considering joining and would like to be included, or if you have questions about membership, please contact the Rev. Tim Ives at the office (941-1142) by cell (645-1482 or by e-mail (tives4932@aol.com)).

Not a Heifer!

On Sunday, January 24, we completed our Heifer project. The Church school group decided that they would like to donate our money to purchase a water buffalo. Among the reasons for their selection was the fact that people don't generally eat water buffalo, although they do consume its milk. It is a large animal and provides a great deal of manure, a valuable organic fertilizer. A water buffalo is so strong that it can plow a field that would take two weeks by hand in just two days. WOW!

WOW! as well to the support of the congregation. When the money was counted, it turned out that we had collected more than \$500, enough to purchase two water buffalo. What a wonderful way to love our neighbors. We have promises of a few more Heifer banks to be brought in. Perhaps we'll even be able to purchase some honeybees. That was the second choice of the group.

Barbara Devir, CLP

HAITI MISSION

Last fall our church, through the mission committee, began to support a small school in La Bastille, Haiti. It was started by a Presbyterian minister and his wife, Tom and JoEllen Parsons, in response to an expressed wish by the Haitian people they met to have a school for their children. They saw this is a way to achieve a better life. The school is three years old and growing.

Tom and JoEllen have been involved, along with the congregation of Rockwell Falls Presbyterian Church in Lake Luzerne NY, with mission to the people of Haiti for many years now. Although Tom has now retired, the congregation has continued to be involved with Haiti. The church youth group makes regular trips there. Two members of the church, Bryan and Lisa Bartow, and their family spearhead this involvement. Right now Bryan and two of his teenage children are in Haiti working on earthquake relief.

If you would like to learn more about La Bastille school, you can visit the school website at www.haitimissionschool.org. You can also connect from this website to Lisa Bartow's blog which gives an up to date account of what Bryan and his group are doing in Haiti. It provides a different perspective of the situation there than one will find on the evening news.

We are hoping to have Tom and JoEllen visit Scarborough Church in the near future to talk about their involvement there.

Barbara Devir, CLP



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1	Kaitlin Montelbano (SPCC)
Feb. 3	Marie McKinley
Feb. 6	Carol Haddad
Feb. 7	Wayne Byers Richard Cody
Feb. 8	Karla Cambron
Feb. 9	Jeremiah (Jed) Davis Catherine Sutterlin
Feb. 12	Kathy Davis
Feb. 14	Steven Cho
Feb. 15	Flo Fletcher
Feb. 17	Chris Ethridge
Feb. 20	Zachary Kitahata-Sporn
Feb. 21	Gerry Lane
Feb. 24	Samantha Ethridge

EEBRUARY 2010

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Our programs are ongoing and all are welcome to join in at any time!

BIBLE 102: Rev. Tim Ives continues lecture/discussions on books of the Bible once a month on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Carriage House conference room. Meetings are scheduled for: March 7th on The Gospel of Thomas and April 18th on 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. If anyone with small children would like to attend, we may be able to arrange childcare. Please contact Tim Ives or email Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net with any questions.

LECTURE SERIES: “The Kingdom of Jerusalem: A Pilgrimage of Faith”: is being presented by Rev. Dr. Tim Ives. “For many Christians the Crusades make up a terrible chapter in the history of the Christian Church...However, I believe the Crusading movement is a very telling work of faith. Through looking at the first four Crusades and the rise and fall of the Kingdom established in Jerusalem by the Crusaders, I believe there is much to learn about the nature of faith.” We meet once a month on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House conference room. Our next two meetings are: Feb. 26th and March 19th. Please contact Tim with any questions.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: of the Sunday Lectionary readings meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Carriage House conference room. You can find the Lectionary Readings online at www.PCUSA.org by selecting: Devotions and Readings. Please contact Tim or Amy with any questions.

POTLUCK DINNER & A MOVIE GROUP: are hoping to meet once a month on Friday evenings to share a meal together, view a movie of interest and then share our thoughts. Please call Kathy Davis at 941-5537 if you would like to participate in the next meeting. Rev. Tim will be sharing “Places in the Heart” with us on March 5th during the Lenten season.

THE SPC LENDING LIBRARY: is open and located between the Sanctuary and Chapel in The Pastor’s Study. Please feel free to sign out and in any books on the shelves stamped “Scarborough Presbyterian Church.” Book recommendations are always welcome.

Historic Church Tour

Sunday , February 7 at 1pm

The Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historic Society has planned tours of all eight faith based organizations in their bounds. The first Feb. 7th, will include Scarborough Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal and Briarcliff Congregational. Other churches will be visited later in the year.

On Feb. 7th, attendees will meet at Scarborough Presbyterian at 1:00pm and the tour will end with refreshments at Briarcliff Congregational at about 3:00pm.

Tours will be conducted by docents from each church. Reservations are strongly suggested in order to plan

The Kingdom of Jerusalem *A Pilgrimage of Faith*

A series of Lectures by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Ives. We meet once a month on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House conference room. In the New Year we plan to meet on Feb. 26th, and March 19th.

On July 15, 1099 the knights of the First Crusade breached the walls of Jerusalem and soon the city was theirs. A slaughter ensued that still must trouble every Christian. The trouble is that this event obscures that which was accomplished on that Crusade. It had been three years since most of them set out from Western Europe. They had endured unimaginable suffering. They had triumphed against terrible odds. They accomplished what no other Crusader army ever would, they had captured Jerusalem. These men were not savages: they were products of their time and they were men of faith. The thesis of this series of lectures is that they could not have accomplished what they did without faith. If that is true then what does it say about the nature of faith? That is the question before us all through these lectures.

SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN
CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS
January / February 2010

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are already into the 5th month of the school year. The staff and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and we wish everyone all the best for the New Year. The 2010 New Year is off to a great start. We've had some snow and the children have enjoyed learning about snow and ice. Some of the January curriculum topics the children enjoyed included: Winter, Ice & Snow, Hibernation and Bears. In February we will be discussing: Ground Hog's Day, Shadows, Valentine's Day, Dental awareness and Friendship & Caring. As part of our inter-faith curriculum the children will be learning about the Chinese New Year celebration in February.

Registration for 2010-2011 School Year:

We'd like to thank all the parents that completed their registration applications for the 2010-2011 School Year. Registration has been going so well that the 3 year old and 4 year old morning classes are filled. We are now accepting applications for:

an Afternoon Four's Class, which will meet Tuesday through Friday Afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00pm.

an Afternoon Three Year Old Class that meets Tuesday through Friday Afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00pm.

Our morning 2's classes that meet either: Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning or Tuesday & Thursday morning from 9am to 11:30am.

Enrollment Contracts will go out by mid January and the first tuition payment is due with the signed contract by February 15th, 2010.

We look forward to another great year together. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding registration or if you would like additional registration information to pass on to friends, neighbors or family.

Afternoon Enrichment for 3's – 5's:

The 2nd Semester of Afternoon Enrichment Classes began on Tuesday, January 12th. The Winter/Spring Enrichment Semester runs through May. There are still a few spaces available. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please stop in the office to pick up a registration application. Payment in full is due upon enrollment. Classes being offered are:

Tuesday – Sports & Games
Wednesday – Gym with Mr. Tom
Thursday – Music with Mrs. "K"
Friday – Science Exploration & Cooking

Afternoon Enrichment for 2's:

The 2nd Semester of Afternoon Enrichment Classes for 2 year olds began on Tuesday, January 5th and will run through May 27th. The classes are:

Tuesday – Recycled Art Class

Wednesday – Movement Class

Thursday – Cooking with Children's Literature

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please stop in the office and pick up a registration application. Payment in full is due upon enrollment.

LunchBunch 2010

The 2nd semester of LunchBunch which meets from 11:30 – 12:00noon began on Monday, January 4th. If you would like to enroll your 3 or 4 year old child in our LunchBunch extended day program, please stop by the office for an application. LunchBunch is a half hour extension of your child's day. Children gather together for Lunch (parents provide the lunch – please no peanut products. This includes chewy bars and candy with peanut butter. Please read labels carefully), they play games, read stories and socialize. Ms. Helen, Ms. Lucy, Ms. Laura and Ms. Cynthia, our LunchBunch teachers, look forward to another fun semester with your children.

As a reminder, SPCC is a totally nut-free environment. Please do not bring any nut products onto school premises. This includes Fellowship Hall, the kitchen and the playground. We have children that attend our program that have severe nut allergies that are life threatening. Your help in keeping our children safe is greatly appreciated.

We hope 2010 will be a year filled with peace, good health and much happiness for all! We look forward to a great rest of the school year together! Thank you!

Happy Winter!

Katya Montelbano
Director SPCC

HAITI RELIEF

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) has dispatched \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds and issued a special appeal to support ongoing relief. Mission teams from churches around the USA are responding.

Though many Presbyterians are eager to go to Haiti to help hands on, the best response right now is **financial support**. Every person that travels to Haiti will need food, water, and shelter and there is none of that, even for the Haitians, right now.”(Sara Lisherness, director of Compassion, Peace and Justice for the General Assembly Mission Council-PCUSA.)

Contributions can be made to Hudson River Presbytery at SPC, or directly to PDA Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 with Haiti #DR000064 on the check.

Out and About...

At Stony Point Conference Center
(www.stonypointcenter.org for details)

2/5-7 Loving Hands

2/7-9 Winter Pastor's Retreat

Feb.-Apr. College Spring Break Work
Opportunities

3/4-8 Columbia Accompaniment Training
with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

3/21-23 Ministering to the Missing Generation

At Scarborough Church

1/31 Choral Arts Society Winter Concert

“Love Is In the Air...”

At SPC Children's Center

4/16 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

At St. Theresa Church—Lectures 7:30pm

3/1 Pilgrimage: A Pattern of American
Catholic Faith

4/6 Jesus and Muhammad In the Eyes
of Modern Judaism

5/3 Souls in Transition: The Spiritual Lives
of Emerging Adults

News from the Pews...

Praveen Chaudhari, husband of Karin and father of Pia and Ashok, passed quietly from us on Wednesday, January 13th. A memorial service was held Monday, January 25th. The family will travel to India at some time in the future to return him to his home country.

A word of thanks:

“To Ken and Chris Potter and all the members of Michele's (Croft) church,

I've just had the pleasure of meeting Karen here in Rome. She should be telling you that I look fine, which is true in spite of my health circumstances. I could be feeling quite differently but due to all the positive thoughts and prayers that have been done with me in mind, I must admit that I have been extremely fortunate and have gone through my chemotherapy treatments and my surgery that followed in an almost “painless” way. I practically never felt bad.

I would like to thank all of you in the Church who have been praying for me and for Michele and her family. I know that your prayers have helped Michele in the past and now they have helped me, too. God is real; he listens and answers our prayers no matter where we are and how we show our faith.

Thank you for your prayer shawl and for all the hands and energy that have gone into making it. I will remember your kindness and positive energy.

Most sincerely,

Ginger Izzo, Rome 12/30/09”

Congratulations to Rebecca Shaffren

(Kathy's younger daughter) and **Douglas Wenz** who were **married on January 15th** in Manhattan. The couple will reside on Lexington Avenue, NYC.

Save the date....

Friday, February 26 at 7 PM at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

“An Evening of Indian Delights”

A fun evening of food, entertainment and silent auction to support the mission group going to northern India . This is the Thomas missionary group which SPC has supported. The church is located at 400 Bedford Road in Pleasantville.

**Please check our website www.aboutspc.org
for the most current calendar information.**

Set committee meetings are listed—or call the Session member who chairs that committee, because dates may vary from month to month.

Regular schedule of meetings:

Sundays: Adult Ed; Worship; Church School; Coffee
2pm Breath of Life; 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
(1st Buildings & Grounds and Congregational Life)

Mondays: Scarborough Singers; Westchester Concert
Singers, (1st C.E, 2nd Deacons, 3rd Session)

Wednesdays: Alcoholics Anonymous; Breath of Life

Thursdays: Bible Study; Choral Arts Society; 1st & 3rd SPC Staff;
2nd SPCC Board

**SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONTACT & STAFF INFORMATION**

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SPC LEADERSHIP 2010

The following persons, elected by the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Jan 24th, are willing to serve in a leadership capacity. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have a prayer request, an idea, a joy, a concern, a resource or a talent to share, or would like to join a committee!

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