

# SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Articles Invited from Members & Friends

June 2009

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

### 10:30am Worship

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month.  
Childcare provided for 1st grade + younger  
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- May 31 Pentecost  
**The Spirit of the Church**  
*Confirmation Sunday*  
Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14
- June 7 **The Call of God**  
*Communion*  
Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17
- June 14 **Parables of the Kingdom**  
*Sunday School Sunday*  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Mark 4:26-34
- June 21 **Who Then Is This?**  
*Choir Sunday/Fathers Day*  
1 Samuel 17:32-49; Mark 4:35-41
- June 28 **Your Faith Has Made You Well**  
2 Samuel 1:17-27; Mark 5:21-43
- July 5 **But a Few Miracles**  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; ark 6:1-13

### *Save the date... June 14th....rain or shine*

For the Annual Picnic! Fun and games for everyone. The Congregational Life Committee will provide grilling items and beverages. Please sign up; bring your family and friends, and your favorite salad or dessert. Help with grilling and clean up is needed. See Karin Chaudhari or call 941-5436.

### *From the Pastor's Pen...*

#### *Play*

*"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."*

-George Bernard Shaw

*The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.*

-Isaiah 11:8

When my Dad retired my parents moved down to South Carolina. It was an odd move in that we had nothing ever to do with the place. I couldn't figure out how they would be happy there. For them though Florida was out of the question because it was what everyone did. (I thought that would be a reason for going to Florida.) They found this place in South Carolina and it did seem to fit. They were up in the mountains so there were seasons but not so much that the golf course ever really closed. They found a beautiful retirement community and settled in well. Dad who loved all kinds of sports quickly got involved in the tennis and golf and even shuffleboard. (I kidded him a lot about the shuffleboard.) Even mom started playing golf and tennis. They both found many friends and a strong sense of community.

One of my favorite memories of their time in South Carolina was the annual member guest golf tournament that we played in at his club. It was a wonderfully laidback event. Dad and I had made the mistake of playing in one such tournament up here in Westchester one year. That was not laidback. It was tense competition. You hardly talked with your competitors and it was not much fun. We didn't do well either which doesn't help the fun quotient. Down at his tournament there was a lot of talk and mutual

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support and enjoyment of just being out there. It was usually June and so this time of year I miss being able to share this time with my Dad.

One year we won our flight mostly due to my Dad having a great weekend. He really enjoyed himself. He made about a fifteen foot downhill putt to put us in the finals. We were the runner up team for the tournament that year. That is the best we ever did but of course winning was not the point. It was a way for father and son enjoy a few days without too much else to worry about.

It was a wonderful gift that Dad gave to me. I don't mean the tournament so much as my love for play. Dad loved almost every game and he played them with joy and because of him so do I.

Years after they arrived in South Carolina my Mom was afflicted with Alzheimers and after a few years of Dad trying heroically to meet all her needs she moved into a very nice home specially suited for Alzheimer patients. They did a wonderful job caring for my Mom the trouble was that it was over an hour from where Dad lived. That didn't stop him from visiting almost every day. His visits would take most of the day. My heart broke when I spoke to him early one morning I asked him if he would get out for some golf that day. He told me he was too busy. I told him he was retired he couldn't use that excuse anymore but I knew what he meant. In those last few years of his life he didn't get to play so much. I know why and I think he was great for being so attentive to Mom but I wish he took more time to play. I kind of think the seriousness of Mom's condition dampened his enthusiasm and robbed him of the play that he really needed. He told me once to never let him end up like mom he didn't know what he would do cooped up like that but I thought to myself that he already was. Of all the things we did together I would love most to play one more golf round with him so this play stuff is no small thing. As we move into the season of play I encourage you to enjoy it as the gift it is. Isaiah claims that play is a sign that God's rule has arrived I couldn't agree more.

## WANTED! You, to look at our website!

If you haven't seen it lately, you might want to check out SPC's new website. Besides a great new look there is now an online calendar which has any last minute updates that might have happened since the newsletter was published. The website can be found at [scarboroughchurch.org](http://scarboroughchurch.org), [scarboroughchurch.com](http://scarboroughchurch.com) or the easy to spell and remember [aboutspc.org](http://aboutspc.org).

The goal of the SPC website is twofold - to provide an online community to our membership and to give our Church a presence in the outside community where people can learn about our programs.

One thing we are still missing - recent photos! If there are any budding photographers out there with pictures from current activities please send them our way.

We have plans to enhance the site including an online edition of the Pastor's Pen and discussion forums, as well as providing links to useful resources throughout the web. A Church Facebook page has also been discussed. If anyone is interested in providing content or help in maintaining the site and adding new features please send an email to [webmaster@scarboroughchurch.org](mailto:webmaster@scarboroughchurch.org). Don't worry about not having any experience in web development - its simple to learn and we can teach anyone! This would be a great opportunity for any of our members (including our latest confirmands!) who have an interest in technology to help serve the Church.

**The Web Master**

### WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Coffee Hour Host</u>
5/31	Don Copans Barbara Cody	Confirmation Class	Karin Chaudhari
6/7	Lisa Pavlik Andy McMains	Will Ingraham	_____
6/14	Stephen Cho Terri Zuckerberg	Jeff Waldo	Annual Congreg'l Picnic
6/21	Cory Ethridge Will Ingraham	Amy Kitahata Sporn	Ken & Inge Vought
6/28	Catherine Savell Malcom Kostuchenko	John Pavlik	Claire Payne

**We need volunteers.** Sign Up sheets are located on information table in the Chapel. If you are unable to serve on the dates listed, please arrange for a substitute and/or call the office. Guidesheets are posted at the Pastor's Study and Kitchenette. Please confirm that the front and streetside doors are locked before you leave. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve in this way.

## JUNE ADULT EDUCATION NEWS:

**NEW COURSE BEING OFFERED:** Rev. Dr. Tim Ives is offering "Bible 101: An Introduction and Overview" starting June 7th Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. before the Sunday service in the Carriage House conference room. We hope to have 8 classes over the course of the summer. There is prerequisite reading on different ways of looking at the Bible and Tim has prepared a reading list for each Sunday including parts of Genesis, Isaiah, Psalms, Jonah, Amos, Ezekiel, Mark, Acts, 1 Corinthians and Revelations. Copies of the prerequisite reading and the Course Reading List are available from Amy Kitahata-Sporn or from Flo in the church office. If anyone with small children would like to attend, we may be able to arrange child care. Please call the church office at 941-1142 or email Amy at amyks@optonline.net with questions.

**NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED:** Amy Kitahata-Sporn will be offering a "Healing Movement and Meditation" class Friday mornings in July. We plan to meet from 10:00 - 11:30 in the Church Chapel on July 10, 17, 24, 31. As some of you may know I have been living with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for many years. This shifted my focus from teaching: The Alexander Technique, Modern Dance and Authentic Movement, to using the principles in these processes and others to facilitate healing. The course will be an introduction to simple movements and meditation that I have found helpful. Please contact Amy at amyks@optonline.net if you are interested in participating.

### ONGOING OFFERINGS:

**BIBLE STUDY:** Rev. Ives continues to lead weekly Bible study of the Sunday Lectionary Readings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to look at the Bible with historical and theological perspectives. Come for discussion and lunch. Please call the office at 941-1142 with any questions. Everyone is welcome to join at any time and can find the Lectionary Readings online at [www.PCUSA.org](http://www.PCUSA.org) by selecting: Devotions and Readings.

**POTLUCK DINNER & A MOVIE GROUP:** On Friday, June 26, at 7 pm, we will meet for a pot-luck supper and the screening of the movie "**Jerusalem**" written and directed by Bille August. The cast includes Max von Sydow and Olympia Dukakis. It is based on the novel of the same name by Swedish writer Selma Lagerlof, who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, and shows a small rural community swept up in religious fervor. Come for the beautiful Scandinavian scenery, come to share this interpretation of a messianic religious experience, come for food and fellowship! Please call Kathy Davis at 941-5537 if you wish to participate.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE DINNERS:** continue to meet every first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided by regular participants and all are welcome to come and share in the meal and conversation. Meetings are planned for: June 4th & 18th, July 2nd & 16th. Spiritual Life Dinners have been ongoing for the last five years and sustained by participants sharing their spiritual journeys while sitting around the great big table in Fellowship Hall and enjoying a delicious meal provided by regular participants. We begin with prayer and blessing of the food. After casual conversation while passing the food around, we move into our true sharing with each other in turns. Everyone is asked to listen with open and authentic hearts and minds. After everyone has had the opportunity to share, as he or she has felt led, discussions often take place around topics related to someone's sharing and continue over dishwashing. We try to close with prayer around the table before anyone has to leave, around 9 p.m.

Spiritual Life Dinners are open to anyone who feels moved to share and provides an opportunity for fellowship with a small group. Please feel free to contact Karin Chaudhari at #941-5736 or Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net if you would like to know more.

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

**LECTURE SERIES:** Rev. Dr. Tim Ives concluded his monthly series of lectures on "The Second Death of Christ" in April. Tim plans to offer another lecture series starting in the fall: "The Kingdom of Jerusalem: A Lesson in Faith." Go Tim!

**Questions and suggestions to: Amy Kitahata-Sporn at: amyks@optonline.net.**

### Letter Writing Ministry

A small group met at Scarborough Church on Monday, April 6. There were members and friends of First Presbyterian Church in Ossining, Peekskill Presbyterian Church, and Scarborough Church. We read letters we had received from men in prison. The letters had been written in response to Christmas cards they received from church members. All of them expressed joy in being remembered, cared about, and prayed for.

We gathered to send them greetings at Easter and thank them for their letters and prayers. In addition to writing, we will be praying for these

brothers and hope they will continue to pray for us. Please join us as we pray for Terrence, James, Tony, David, David, Anthony, Tony, Luis, Edwin, Maurice, and Jose.

We are planning to meet again on **June 1**. The time is 11 AM, and the place is Scarborough Church. My grandmother always said that many hands make light work. Please feel free to join us in this ministry.

Barbara Devir, CLP

### **The Thomas Family Newsletter from Mussoorie India - June 2009**

As we write this, India's national election results are announced. Pundits agree that voters are now voting for competence in government; they are less swayed by divisive communal appeals or by pure ideological cant. Both the right - the Hindu nationalists -- and the left, in the various communist and socialist parties, lost seats in the parliament. It was a clear victory for centrist secularism. One commentator noted that the defeat of the leftist parties put to rest the notion that somehow you had to be godless to be secular.

A pastor from Orissa - here visiting his daughter, one of the students in my English 9 class -- told me that he is rejoicing in these results, but he is worried about a likely backlash from Hindu fundamentalists in that area where so many tribal Christians were killed last year.

In our small state of Uttarakhand, the state and national elections are held at different times. The electorate here gave all 5 seats to the national winners, just the opposite of our state assembly elections two years ago, which indicates some dissatisfaction with the incumbents.

Senioritis is now afflicting the school - though commencement date is June 18th, the seniors top the list of "tardy" and "absent" students in the high school, and romances are suddenly blooming. Graduation plans are taking shape. Pray that son Christopher and his classmates can keep their focus on schoolwork and education.

In spite of the stunning numbers of people and poverty, and being surrounded by failed states, there is definitely hope for India. The worldwide recession affects India less than most countries, because of its innate financial conservatism and its huge domestic market. Still, the school is now budgeting more conservatively, delaying some textbook and technology purchases until next year.

This is our last newsletter from India, but not the end of our joint work here. We plan to continue contact with and support of people and projects that we

helped over the last four years. We also plan mission interpretation when we return to the U.S. to re-connect with family and churches, and get Christopher comfortably started in university. What is next? We ask for prayers for discernment and opportunity as we wend our way back to the land of potable water and traffic lights, stable electricity and safe roads. We trust we have brought some measure of peace and God's light to the lives of our students, their parents and families, and our myriad neighbors in this remote part of God's kingdom. And we appreciate your partnership throughout, leaving you with this scripture from Philippians 1:3-5:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Namaste,

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### **SPCC Children's Center News** May/June 2009

**We are currently accepting Registration for the 2009 Summer Camp** program that begins on Monday, June 15th. Summer Camp runs from June 15th through Friday, August 7th. Summer camp hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The children enjoy lots of time outdoors with water play, sprinklers, bikes, and playground time. Indoors they enjoy arts & crafts, free play, snacks and story time.

**Registration for the Fall Afternoon Enrichment Classes for 3 to 5 Year olds began on May 1st.** Enrichment classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Afternoons from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Each class will include: thirty minutes of Enrichment and a two hour block that will consist of: free play, a craft project, snack, story and outdoor/indoor large motor activity. Enrichment LunchBunch will be held from 12:00 to 12:30 prior to Enrichment class and is included in the Enrichment tuition fee.

If you are interested in any registration information, please give me a call at 941-0025, ext. 17.

With wishes for a healthy & happy Summer,

Katya Montelbano, Director

## Midnight Run on Your Mind

On April 19 the Confirmation class, together with the class from First Presbyterian, participated in a Sunday morning run. We brought breakfast, toiletries, socks and most importantly fellowship to a group of about 80 people. Such a fine time was had by all, especially us, that we have signed up for another Sunday morning Run.

Exactly how does a Sunday morning Run work? Well, we head into New York with a hot breakfast, toiletries, one article of clothing, and lots of love. We visit just one place where we set up tables and serve our meal. Our guests have been invited. The last time we went, there were about 50 people welcoming us as we arrived. They were joined by about 30 more as the morning progressed.

On July 19 we are scheduled to visit the city again with the express purpose of having a conversation with our friends on the street. This time we invite the entire congregation to be part of it. How can you help?

We need lots of helping hands, willing hearts, and spirit filled people. Are you any or all of these? We also need the prayers and support of the entire congregation.

We need cooks, travellers, shoppers, drivers, and donations of food and toiletries and socks. Some people may help us to prepare the food and pack the cars. Others will make the trip into the city. It would be wonderful to have a cleanup crew to do the "dirty work" when we get back from the city. Shopping can be done ahead of time. Our cooks were on duty at 6 AM. Our travelers and packers came at 7. We left for the city at 7:30 and were home again by 10:30. The cleanup was done after church. Whether you like to arise at the crack of dawn, sleep in, or will be away that weekend, there is a role for you.

One particular need is for travel size toiletries, the kind you get in hotels. If you have any and would be willing to donate them, you can drop them off at the office. If you travel and don't use everything your hotel provides, please bring them home and give them to us. They will be much appreciated.

Think about how you can help. Then speak with Tim Ives or myself and let us know how you would like to participate.

Barbara Devir, CLP

## HOW DO WE FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE AND LOVE? WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE FEEL GOD IS NOT SUPPORTING US?

Carl Jung has a concept that the psyche of each person has a tendency towards healing and wholeness. That our psyche will lead us towards healing and wholeness by presenting problems in our lives when we are denying a wound/psychic injury or excluding part of ourselves that we feel should not be a part of us. By acknowledging a wound and allowing ourselves to feel the pain of that wound, the wound is transformed. We do not have to do anything to make this transformation happen. It just happens. In this way we can reconcile the wound and then are truly able to forgive ourselves and others. Forgiveness without reconciliation does not forgive completely and does not allow for healing transformation. When we are able to reconcile with the wound I believe the healing transformation that results is God's grace in action.

I believe it is the same when we judge part of ourselves as negative or bad. In Jungian terms the excluded part becomes a shadow in our unconscious which then fights to be heard and acknowledged by causing disruption in our lives. By acknowledging these shadow parts and listening to what they have to say, a transformation and reconciliation is possible. The result can be true forgiveness of ourselves and subsiding of the disruptiveness in our lives. I believe Jung would agree that our psyches present these problems to move us towards acceptance, reconciliation, forgiveness and wholeness. Again I believe this is God's grace in action.

When we can allow this process to happen consciously we then have the capacity to receive God's love. If we truly accept, feel, reconcile, and forgive ourselves we are transformed into a state in which we can receive God's love. God's grace is always there for us to receive but we tend to block it. We may feel we do not deserve God's love. We may be so angry about something in our life that we cannot open to God's love. We may be afraid of a truth that we are not ready to acknowledge. In all these ways we cut ourselves off from God's love.

Perhaps Jung's concept of a tendency of the psyche towards healing and wholeness is God helping us to accept, feel, reconcile, forgive and love ourselves so that we may be able to receive his infinite and unconditional love.

How do you allow God into your life?

In peace & love, Amy Kitahata-Sporn

## Congregational Life

### CELEBRATING IN JUNE

- 2- Susan Burlazzi  
Keith Reilly
- 3- Matthew Dilcer  
Alexandra Gates
- 4 - Danielle Reilly  
Kate Kearny
- 7- Bob Pierce
- 10- Lucy Milne
- 11- John Pavlik
- 12- Ashok Chaudhari
- 15 -Maise Kostuchenko  
Kim Howard
- 24- Lindsay Farrell
- 26- John Suess  
Patricia Wolff



### News from the Pews

*This poem was written by Emma Codman as a part of her Expression of Faith project.*

#### Trinity

Faith  
Believing  
That others will come through  
To help you  
Love  
Lifts you up  
So powerful  
No other force is stronger  
Hope  
To believe that great things will happen  
To believe in life and happiness  
Hope  
Faith  
Love  
It is the trinity  
of God

### Out and About

Use the link on our website under resources or go directly to the **Hudson River Presbytery** website at [hudrivpres.org](http://hudrivpres.org). There are many wonderful opportunities for committees to glean tips and solid information for their programs, as well as programs and retreats for personal growth.

#### Reminder:

There will be only **one Newsletter for July/August**. All summer events and "Looking Forward" information for September must be received in the office no later than June 20 to insure timely mailings and keep the congregation informed of events and activities..

*Thank You*

The following persons, elected by the congregation, 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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