

Scarborough News

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10:30am

- 11/1 Communion;
The Workings
of Faith
Isaiah 25:6-9;
John 11:32-44
- 11/8 That Does Not
Make Cents!
Ruth 3:1-5;
Mark 12:38-44
- 11/15 "2012"
1 Samuel 1:4-20;
Mark 13:1-8
- 11/22 A Pregnant
Silence
2 Samuel 23:1-7;
John 18:33-37
- 11/29 The Coming
of Christ
Jer. 33:14-16;
Luke 21:25-36

EVENT

HIGHLIGHTS

- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time—back 1 hr
- 11/1 Crop Walk
- 11/3 Election Day
- SPCC Food Drive
- 11/8 Football Game!
- 11/14 Leader Retreat
- 11/15 Midnight Run;
Scar. Singers Concert for Open Door
- 11/22 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
New Members join-Pledge Dedications
- 11/29 Advent Begins

Thanksgiving

The Algonquin tribes held six thanksgiving festivals during the year. The beginning of the Algonquian year was marked by the Maple Dance which gave thanks to the Creator for the maple tree and its syrup. This ceremony occurred when the weather was warm enough for the sap to run in the maple trees, sometimes as early as February. Second was the planting feast, where the seeds were blessed. The strawberry festival was next, celebrating the first fruits of the season. Summer brought the green corn festival to give thanks for the ripening corn. In late fall, the harvest festival gave thanks for the food they had grown. Mid-winter was the last ceremony of the old year. When the Indians sat down to the "first Thanksgiving" with the Pilgrims, it was really the fifth thanksgiving of the year for them!

The world turns on kindness and is transformed by love.

As Christians we are reminded by scripture, tradition, and worship that our God is near and loving and asks in return that we too be present and loving. Jesus told his disciples that there were only two commandments and both of them had to do with love. For this we are called to be grateful. Not because it is our duty or our burden but because in being grateful we lift our own spirits helping us to be more loving and exceedingly happy. This response to God's grace has found its way into our culture and is celebrated each November just as fall is coming to an end.

I have always marveled at the story of the Pilgrims who were able to respond to God's grace even though by our standards they had little for which to be thankful. Landing in Plymouth late in the year of 1620 they had a terrible first winter. Half of the company died in those months. They were particularly ill suited for the new world they found themselves in. They had rifles, but little skill shooting. They had tools to fish with but little experience fishing. They had seeds for planting, but no experience in getting them to grow in the rocky soil they found where they landed. They did, however, have something of great value. Years before they set out for the new world they had written to would be sponsors describing their company in this way. "It is not with us as with other men, whom small things discourage, or small discontentment's cause to wish themselves at home again." It probably would not have been enough for any of them to survive another winter but good fortune and God's grace was with them. Some time during that summer into their camp perhaps the only native (in what would become North America) who could speak English. Squanto not only could speak English, but he knew much about surviving and thriving in that particular part of the world. He taught them fishing and hunting and how to bring abundance from the land. It is remarkable that he showed up and helped them. Without him the story might have been far different. He also brought with him a tradition of giving thanks. It seems it was a habit with his people. Perhaps he helped inspire the feeling of gratitude that pervaded the colony after the harvest and led to their celebration at the end of 1621.

We of course are floated along by a grace that pervades our entire existence. Our God is close to us no matter what may come our way and that is an occasion for giving thanks. I am grateful for the blessings of this church and all the ways God comes to me and blesses me through all of you.

SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN
CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

October/November 2009

The school year is off to a great start. The children are a joy and a delight! They are busy playing, learning, creating beautiful works of art, cooking scrumptious snacks, singing and moving their bodies during Music and enjoying wonderful children's stories at circle time. As each day passes, we see the children becoming more and more comfortable with the classroom routines, with their classmates and with the teachers. The days are finally getting cooler; the leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground... Fall is finally here. The children have enjoyed nature walks around the school - collecting leaves, twigs and acorns that have been used to create wonderful collages.

On October 5th we had our first visit from "The Nature of Things". The Nature of Things is a wonderful organization that brings in a variety of animals to our school. The children have the opportunity to pet each animal and learn about where the animal lives, what they eat and what is unique about each animal. The children enjoyed meeting a dove, tomato frog, guinea pig, snake, and a gecko. Our next visit will be on November 12th.

On October 15th we had a visit from the Briarcliff Manor Fire Department. The children enjoyed climbing into the truck, climbing through the ambulance and watching as a Firefighter put on all his gear. All of our classes learned important fire safety rules.

On October 25th we had our annual SPC & SPCC Halloween Party. We had a nice turn out this year. Each class was set up with crafts and games. Everyone enjoyed the prizes too. At 5:00 we all joined together for a lovely light supper. Thank you to Tim Ives, Pastor at SPC and the SPC Congregational Life members that helped make this event possible – Linnea Carnes, Camille Lane, Terri Zuckerberg, Debbie Wenninger and Signe Seelinger. Also, special thanks to Patty Chapman for all of her hard work with our Haunted Walk – once again it was a creative masterpiece. Thank you to all the parents that attended. All had a great time.

Halloween is coming up and the children have been learning about pumpkins and practicing our spooky songs. Each class will have a costume parade and party on the 30th. In November we will be discussing giving thanks and Thanksgiving.

November will be a busy month at SPCC. November 9th through the 13th we will have our annual Food Drive for the Ossining Food Pantry. On November 24th we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Feast.

Registration for the 2010-2011 School year, which begins in September 2010, will open on November 2nd. Classes being offered include:

- Tues/Thurs. or Mon/Wed/Fri morning 2's
- Monday through Friday morning 3's
- Monday / Wednesday / Friday morning 3's
- Tuesday through Friday afternoon 3's
- Monday through Friday morning 4's
- Tuesday through Friday afternoon 4's

Anyone interested in registering his or her child should call 941-0025, ext. 17 for more information. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Katya Montelbano

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS
Serving in November

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
11/1	_____	Amy Kitahata- Sporn	Barbara Cody
11/8	Don Copans _____	Terri Zuckerberg	Katharine McLaughlin
11/15	Connie Curran _____	Barbara Cody	Signe Seelinger
11/22	_____	Bill Shaw	Thanksgiving Dinner—CLC
11/29	Gene Croft _____	_____	_____
12/6	_____	_____	Barbara Cody

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.

ADULT EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

NEW COURSE 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. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6th on the Book of John. If anyone with small children would like to attend, we may be able to arrange childcare. Please call the church office at 941-1142 or email Amy at amyks@optonline.net with questions.

ADULT ED SUNDAY MORNINGS: Once a month, Rev. Tim will present a Bible 102 class at 9:15 a.m. Other Sundays we will meet at 9:30 a.m. with programs of interest in the Carriage House conference room. Our next offering will be lead by Ashok Chaudhari, M Div (Union Theological Seminary) and MA Religious Studies (Stanford University). Ashok will join us to share his research on the Scottish Presbyterian Pastor/Theologian John Wood Oman (1860 – 1939). The Hudson River Presbytery helped to fund Ashok's research, which was presented at a Conference on Oman in Cambridge England in September. Ashok will be sharing his insights with us on Sunday November 1st.

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." The first two lectures have been very exciting and will continue on Nov. 20th and into the New Year. We meet once a month on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House conference room and refreshments are served.

HEALING MOVEMENT AND MEDITATION: Amy Kitahata-Sporn will offer two Saturday workshops this fall from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel on Nov. 7th and Dec. 5th. The

workshops will include an introduction to principles of The Alexander Technique, basic stretches to facilitate circulation and mobility and guided healing meditation. Please contact Amy at amyks@optonline.net if you are interested in participating.

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 their thoughts. Please call Kathy Davis at 941-5537 if you would like to participate in the next meeting. The movie selection and date are to be determined.

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.

YOUTH

Football—for the young and young at heart!
Adults vs Kids

Come play a game on the lawn on Sunday, November 8th right after worship/coffee hour!!

Project Greenway

See page 6 for details of this very different event! Here, too, everyone is invited to join in the project and modeling night!!

Morning Midnight Run

See the article in this Newsletter for details.

Food Drive

Help make a Happy Thanksgiving Meal for your Neighbors in need....donate to the Food Drive for Ossining Food Pantry from now through November 12th. Items can be placed in food boxes on your way to Sunday School classes in Fellowship Hall.

The Kingdom of Jerusalem

A Pilgrimage of Faith

A series of Lectures by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Ives

For many Christians the Crusades make up a terrible chapter in the history of the Christian Church. Certainly, Crusading hardly seems like anything that the Jesus of scripture would have condoned or encouraged. So most Christians think of them as aberrations and not a part of the Church's history that we need to consider and nothing that has to do with our faith. However, I believe the Crusading movement is a very telling working 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. If nothing else it is a fascinating story, but I also think there are many telling mysteries in The Kingdom of Jerusalem. The third lecture is Friday, November 20 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

CROP WALK

November 1st at 2PM The annual CROP WALK in Ossining will take place, beginning at the Community Center.. The Crop Walk is an event sponsored by Church World Service to benefit the hungry of the world. Last year our youth participated, raised money and had fun. This year you will be hearing more about it and we hope that you can give generously, or maybe even walk. with us!



Advent Begins Sunday, November 29th.

Midnight Run on Your Mind

On April 19th the Confirmation class, together with the class from First Presbyterian, participated in a Sunday morning run. On July 19 members of SPC participated in a morning run. Both times 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 signed up for another **Sunday Run on November 15th.**

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 November 15th 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, travelers, 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 to 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 are on duty at 6AM. Our travelers and packers come at 7. We leave for the city at 7:30 and we're home again by 10:30. The cleanup is 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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Karin Chaudhari
Helen Langsam (SPCC)
- 3—Alex Kostuchenko
Nora Reis
- 4—Pia Chaudhari
- 10- Meegan Hammond-Ramos
- 11- Barbara Devir
- 13- James Sutterlin
- 14- Doris Anglin
- 16- Rory Anglin
Don Swartout
- 18—Ed Schuster
- 19- Cory Ethridge
Debbie Wenninger
- 21- Kathryn Wenninger
- 22- Andrea Norene
- 30—Praveen Chaudhari

NOTE: SESSION/DEACON'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

Every year we are mandated by the by-laws to have an officer's retreat (all present Deacons and Session Members). This year it will be on Saturday, November 14th at 9-11:30 AM.

This is a time for spiritual fellowship, team building and sharing in what it is to be "church." Please let Tim know if you cannot attend. All who are coming should bring a "Sacred item" with them.

Out and About...

Remember to Vote on November 3rd

St Theresa's Church has begun its lecture series for the fall. All lectures are free to the public. Monday, Nov. 9th has **What Is This Pope Up To? *The theological Vision of Benedict XVI***, and on Monday Dec. 7th, hear Jonathan Alter on **The Reality of Hope: *Barak Obama's First Year***.

What's Next? A program of seminars and networking sponsored by BOMA (Briarcliff-Ossining Ministerial Association) will address the topic "**Updating Your Resume...**" with Cecilia Quintero at its next presentation on Tuesday, **Nov. 24th at 7pm**. Seminars are held at Scarborough Presbyterian Church. There will be refreshments; this is a no cost event.

Women's Retreat at Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center **November 6-8th**. Renew your Spirit, Refresh your Soul. To register and for more information go to www.HolmesCamp.org. also

Presbytery Women Fall Gathering : Healthy Bodies, Spirits and Communities at 1st Pres. Church Ossining on Saturday, **Nov. 14th 1-4pm**. Featuring Parish Nurse Pamela Graham. Sharing of mission opportunities: your own project and Prison Partnership with Ricardo Sheppard

Scarborough Singers will present a **concert** here on Sunday, **Nov. 15th** to benefit the Ossining Open Door. Concert begins at **3pm**.

Our Nursery School (SPCC) is having a **Food Drive through Nov. 12th to benefit Ossining Food Pantry**. Please bring a food donation and leave it in the office or Parish House hallway.

November is Stewardship Month, with pledges for 2010 being dedicated on Sunday, November 22 (the day of our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner). Please consider your circumstances and those of your neighbors, and pledge what you honestly can give.

Mission Committee Meets

The reorganized Mission Committee will meet on October 31st at 7 AM at the Landmark Diner. If you are interested in helping this church define and carry out what is vital mission work, then this is the group for you. Please bring your ideas and your commitment. Talk to Tim if you are interested.

PRISON LETTER WRITING MINISTRY

Our next meeting will be at Scarborough on Tuesday, December 7th . Please feel free to join us. We meet at 11 AM and are usually finished by 12:30.

Barbara Devir, CLP

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Session voted on a recommendation from the Worship committee, with input from many involved people, to have the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 6 pm. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Also decided and recommended by the Worship Committee was the elimination of the late Christmas Eve service because of sparse attendance. However, the committee also recommended that the New Year's Eve service be continued and expanded. That was also approved by Session. Pageant tryouts and rehearsal schedules can be found on the website calendar at www.aboutspc.com under "Church School"

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From the Thomas Family –
***An Invitation to Join a Mission Trip in India –
Spring 2010***

Do you have a heart for hands-on mission? Have you wished you could meet the recipients of your India mission support over the past four years? Have you always wanted to see the Taj Mahal? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, then you might prayerfully consider joining us on a short-term mission trip to India this coming Spring.

The dates of March 25-April 4 coincide with most school spring breaks, so families can join with adult or youth individuals on this inter-generational venture. We will be traveling and working during Easter Week, so devotionals will fuel us for each day's work. There is time for some sightseeing at the beginning and end of our trip, but the bulk of the time will be spent in hands-on mission with children. The tentative itinerary includes:

Thursday, March 25 evening flight to Delhi
Friday, March 26 Arrive Indira Gandhi Int'l Airport
Saturday, March 27 Tour Delhi
Sunday, March 28 travel to Dehra Dun to Shishya Orphanage
Monday, March 29 Tutoring children at the orphanage
Tuesday, March 30 to Mussoorie, tour Woodstock School & Hanifl Outdoor Center
Wednesday, March 31 to Tibetan Orphanage or work on organic garden project
Thursday, April 1 to Bel Gaon Village - work on school building or tutor village children
Friday, April 2 to Agra, tour Taj Mahal
Saturday, April 3 Delhi flight to NY
Sunday, April 4 arrive in NY

Current cost estimate: \$3,000 per person
We would like to have firm commitments before Christmas, so we can do some fund raising to help defray costs.

We envision this as a way of connecting the people who have supported these projects from afar with the actual people they have been helping. This is a hands-on mission trip for Christians who want to serve with a little sightseeing in addition. Participants should expect warm weather, lots of walking, some strenuous work, less than luxurious but comfortable accommodations and a once-in-a-lifetime experience in “Incredible India.”

Forward your questions to us at thomasindia2010@gmail.com or contact us at (914)373-4967. If you are unable to travel with us, please consider supporting the venture financially or by being a prayer partner. Let us know how you can participate.

Nameste,
--Jeff, Barb and Coleman Thomas
Missionaries to Northern India 2005-2009

REMEMBER HEIFER

Not just for kids!

Keep saving those coins for Heifer International. We will be collecting the offering right after Christmas. Then comes the fun. We get to decide what kind of animal to donate.



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Mark your calendars for this wonderful time of fellowship together as we gather to share a meal, hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Chapel during coffee hour. This is also the day we welcome new members into our church family, as well making our pledge of financial support for 2010.

SPC LEADERSHIP 2009

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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