

Scarborough News

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10:30am

10/4 Guest Preacher
CLP Barbara Devir
Genesis 2:18-23
Psalm 8:3-8

10/11 Communion
How Hard to Enter
the Kingdom
Job 23:1-9;
Mark 10:17-31

10/18 We Want What
We Want When
We Want It.
Job 38:1-7;
Mark 10:35-45

10/25 A Shot in the
Dark
Job 42:1-6;
Mark 10:46-52

11/1 Communion
The Workings
of Faith
Job 1:1, 2:1-10;

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Oct. 17 - Annual
Rummage Sale
- Oct.25 Halloween
Party with SPCC
- Oct. 25 at Stony
Point OctoberQuest
- Nov. 1 Crop Walk
- Nov.15 - Breakfast
Midnight Run

Giving

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

~John E. Southard

There is a story about the difference between heaven and hell. In hell the people are damned to the frustration and horror of having long arms without elbows. Being unable to feed themselves they are destined to suffer hunger and deprivation throughout eternity. Ironically, those in heaven have exactly the same deformity. Long arms with no elbows so that they cannot feed themselves either but they never suffer the way the people in hell suffer. In heaven they feed each other and their arms are made perfectly for that!

If that is the definition of heaven then this church is very much like heaven. I witness such love and care here that I am continually inspired. God has given us a wonderful gift and that gift is each other. So I am grateful to be here.

As I mention often the church is a wonderfully unique institution in this culture of ours. There is no other institution that exists for the same reasons we exist. We are here to give love exceedingly, engender hope and teach faith. Paul tells us that these are the only enduring values. Everything else will end and pass away. It is extraordinary that there could be an institution devoted to only love, hope, and faith. How could such an entity stay in business? It seems to offer such intangible things but of course they are much more than that. They are three values/essences that we cannot live without. Over the past two thousand years millions of people have been wise enough to realize how much good the church does and so have devoted themselves to its ministry. These people have not been of one mind but they have been of one heart. And so they have given to one another and to the world a kind of love that has literally changed the world time and again. Perhaps the most wonderful part of such giving is that it blesses those who receive and those who give. Those people in heaven with the long arms and no elbows selflessly gave to one another and so they received abundance. It is the Christian life.

We now come to the time of year when the church asks for pledges of monetary support in order to create a budget and plan for the next year of ministry. It sounds like a business transaction and on one level it is. However, it is really much more. Your pledge is your agreement with God as to what you will return to God through this church. I ask that you will pray about it and think about it. And I ask you to be generous. I ask you to be generous because of the vitality of this ministry, and the infinite possibilities this church has to do God's will, and how much your generosity will bless you. It is the wonderful economy of the Kingdom. Blessings multiply when we are devoted to God and faithful to God.

Let us together keep feeding each other with love hope and faith and I believe we will be so very blessed.

**NEWS FROM THE
SCARBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN
CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS
Serving in October**

Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 School Year at SPCC. We are so happy to report that our school year has started off beautifully! The children are adjusting to their new classrooms, teachers and classmates. It has been a relatively smooth transition for all our families. This year we have welcomed many new families and returning families to SPCC.

Our program offerings have expanded, as have the class sizes to meet the needs of the community. We now have 64 families in our preschool program and have added an Afternoon 2's program which begins in October. Classes for 2's are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Classes being offered include cooking, movement and recycled art for our 2's.

Our very popular Afternoon Enrichment classes for 3 year olds to 5 year olds will begin September 29th. This year we will offer Cooking, Pre-Gymnastics, Music and Science & Sensory Exploration. Classes for 3-5's are held Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 3:00pm.

Please join us in welcoming Cynthia Garibaldi to our staff as an assistant teacher in the 4's Class.

Some of our upcoming themes in our preschool classes will include apples, fall, leaves, fire safety, pumpkins and Halloween.

Our SPC and SPCC Halloween party will be held Sunday, October 25th from 4:00 to 5:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather. We are looking forward to a great school year together – learning, laughing and having fun!

Happy Fall!!

Katya Montelbano
Director SPCC

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
10/4	Ed Payne Arthur McKinley	Jeff Waldo	Sandy Evans
10/11	Sandy Evans Will Ingraham	Malcolm Kostuchenko	Amy Kitahata- Sporn
10/18	Andy McMains open	Amy Kitahata- Sporn	Terri Zuckeberg
10/25	Gene Croft Lisa Pavlik	John Pavlik	Inge & Ken Vought
11/1	Don Copans open	Amy Kitahata- Sporn	Barbara Cody

YOUTH!

We missed Sliders and Miniature Golf because of the rain, but that does not mean we are not meant to go! Sliders and Miniature Golf is rescheduled for October 11th after church. Let me know if you can come.

On October 25th at 4PM we have our annual Halloween Party at church. All are invited. Then stick around for a really scary movie picked out by Virginia Croft. Let me know if you are coming.

Tim

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 and we will help you from our computers in the office.

ADULT EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

DO YOU HAVE A TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? We would like to invite church members to present a topic of interest to our church community. If you have any interest in sharing a topic in an informal setting, please contact Rev. Tim Ives at: Tives4932@aol.com or Amy Kitahata-Sporn at: amyks@optonline.net.

NEW COURSE BIBLE 102: Rev. Tim Ives will continue lecture/discussions on books of the Bible once a month on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Carriage House conference room. **BIBLE 101: An Introduction & Overview:** began June 7th with Rev. Dr. Tim Ives Sunday mornings and continued through the summer with great success. We covered parts of Genesis, Isaiah, Psalms, Jonah, Amos, Ezekiel, Mark, Acts, 1 Corinthians and Revelations. Copies of the Bible 101 Reading List are available in the church office or by emailing Amy. The reading list for Bible 102 is: Matthew for Sept. 27th, Luke for Oct. 25th, and John for Dec. 6th. 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: we meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Carriage House conference room. Once a month, Rev. Tim will present a Bible 102 class at 9:15 a.m. The October John Calvin classes have been postponed. No classes will be held on October 4th, 11th or 18th. Starting Nov 1st, Ashok Chaudhari will be presenting the Scottish Presbyterian Pastor/Theologian John Wood Oman (186-1939). The Hudson River Presbytery helped fund Ashok's research paper which was presented this past month at a conference on Oman in Cambridge, England. No class will be scheduled Nov. 22nd. On Nov. 29th, Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th Ashok will present The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why, by Phyllis Tickle. This book has been recommended to all churches by Susan Andrews, who is head of our regional presbytery. There will be no classes on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3rd. Let us know what you'd like to study or if you would like to present a topic of interest to others!

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Ives has resumed 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 reading, 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 by selecting: Devotions and Readings. There will be no class on Nov 25th.

LECTURE SERIES: "The Kingdom of Jerusalem: A Lesson in Faith": will be presented by Rev. Dr. Tim Ives three Friday nights this fall. The lectures will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18th, Oct. 23rd, and Nov. 20th. These dates coincide with Patty Chapman's Bible Laurusate classes for our youth. So make it a family night! Refreshments will be served.

HEALING MOVEMENT AND MEDITATION: Amy Kitahata-Sporn offered this class this summer on Friday mornings. She will now 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: Friday evenings to share a meal together, view a movie of interest and then share our thoughts. All movie suggestions will be considered. Call Kathy Davis at 941-5537.

SPIRITUAL LIFE DINNER & DISCUSSION is now being held on the first Friday 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. Our next meeting is planned for October 2nd. Spiritual Life Dinners are open to anyone who feels moved to share reflections about his/her spiritual life and provides an opportunity for fellowship with a small group. Please feel free to contact the church office at 941-1142 or Margaret Wheeler at 762-4710 if you are interested.

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 "SPC." Book recommendations are always welcome.

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 second lecture is Friday, October 23 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

CROP WALK

November 1st at 2PM there will be our annual CROP WALK in Ossining. The Crop Walk is an event sponsored by Church World Service to benefit the hungry of the world. Last year our youth participated and 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!

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3— Brian Zuckerberg
- 7—Abbie Ives
- 8—Ken Vought
- 10—Kenneth Freitag
- 12—John Wenninger
- 13—Nary Kim
- 14—Isaiah Cambron
Patrick Wolff
- 16—Allen Wolff
- 18—Chrissy Ek
Will Farrell
- 21—Dillon Brogan
- 24—Delphine McKinley
Rebecca Shaffren
- 26—Tommy Evans
- 27—Catherine McKinley
- 28—Roger Davis
- 29—Signe Seelinger

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...

The **Ossining Food Pantry** honors you whose contributions have helped us provide groceries for our less fortunate neighbors. We are delighted to invite you and your family and friends to **Celebrate the Fall Harvest Season** with an evening Picnic of cook out, music and games for the children on **Sunday, October 4th**, 5-8pm at the Ethical Society of Northern Westchester's old farmhouse, 108 Pinesbridge Road in Ossining. A shuttle bus will bring you from the Brookside School to the Ethical Culture Society.

A donation of \$30 pp is requested, which will give a family of four food for a week. \$120 will feed a family for a month. Please RSVP at 941-3544.

St Theresa's Church begins it's lecture series for the fall on Thurs, Oct. 8th at 7:30pm with Prof. Donald S. Lopez, Jr. from the Univ. of Michigan on **Buddhism: *What It Is and Isn't***. 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***.

Hudson River Presbytery presents **October-Quest** at Stony Point on Sunday, October 25th. The theme for this year is **"Has God Left the Building?"** For a description of the day's events and workshops, check the link on our website www.about.spc, then click on Resources, then Hudson River Presbytery to see details.

What's Next? A program of seminars and networking sponsored by BOMA (Briarcliff-Ossining Ministerial Association) will address the topic **"Getting to know you..."** with Marsha Haygood on Oct. 27th at 7pm here at SPC. There

ON STEWARDSHIP

Have you remembered to keep up on your annual pledge? Statements for contributions through September will be mailed shortly.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

This summer my family gathered in San Francisco to have our annual Kitahata family reunion sharing my brother's house with him, his wife and three young children. My father and his wife fly in from Asheville, NC, my sister from Seattle, WA, and my son and I fly in from NY. It is a time of chaos and fun as we all try to keep up with the very active youngsters. One night, adding to the chaos, we were joined by my brother's best friend from childhood who, after finishing grad school, went to live and work in China for about twenty years. He came with his beautiful wife, Vivie and their two young children. Vivie appeared to be a youthful modern Chinese woman who had worked for MTV in the US and China. As we chatted with her we got her "story": divorced parents, only child, how she met her husband, etc... Later my sister (who happens to be a doctor of Internal Medicine) came over to me saying did I know that Vivie was a witch? I turned to Vivie and asked her: "You are a witch?" "Yes," she said and then proceeded to tell us things about ourselves she could not have known without more time and interaction with each of us. I am not sure how "witch" translates into Chinese, but it turns out Vivie's mission in life is to help others with her kind intuitional insights. I guess this means she's a good witch. She revealed to us that some of us were from the most ancient peoples on the earth, some of us from the younger generation of Atlantis, and some she didn't know where we had come from. But, she said my son is here to change the world, so I was totally convinced she must be genuine. Ha ha!

We all gathered for dinner and the conversation continued about world finance, politics, ecology and what we all should be doing: our little mini summit on solving the world's problems. Later, as we were finishing up dinner, Vivie singled me out saying: "When you are finished let's find a quiet place to do an exercise together." So we slipped away from the boisterous crowd and found a quiet room. She had me sit while she placed her hands on the front and back of my torso feeling for hot and cold spots. She continued her search until she found what she was looking for: I had some wounds around my heart. Using her hands she helped me release these wounds sending this energy down through my torso, legs, feet and into the hot center of the earth. This process seemed very familiar to me because of my experience with The Alexander Technique and other forms of bodywork. It was a very pleasant, calming and energizing experience. She told me I should do this exercise every day and that I would be okay. I did not need to worry anymore. Then she left me alone and I continued to meditate on this experience. After a few minutes I felt Jesus' presence inhabiting my body, as if we were occupying the same space and time. I felt I was being supported from within my body by Jesus' strength and energy. I no longer felt alone and knew that I would be okay no matter what.....what a relief!!!

It must be so hard for those who have no concept, belief, or hope of God's love and support. To them life is a struggle; a struggle essentially alone that will one day end and they will exist no more. How do they go on? I believe in the power of God's healing love. How do we come to feel God's love? I imagine that there are many ways but, I have often felt it through the compassion and love expressed to me by others. Let's share God's love.

In peace & love, Amy Kitahata-Sporn

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8)

If you have experienced the Spirit moving in your life and would like to share it with the church body please e-mail it to Tim at TIves4932@aol.com.

Mission Committee Meets

The reorganized Mission Committee will meet on October 24th 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

On August 3, our group met for the third time. There were representatives from Peekskill Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and Scarborough Presbyterian Churches present. We wrote letters to four brothers and one sister who are behind bars. We also prepared Bibles that have been donated by congregations for distribution in prison. So far over 300 Bibles have been sent to prisons around the Presbytery.

This month we wrote to James, Juan, Mario, Maurice, and Denise. We invite all of you to remember them in prayer, as we do.

Our next meeting will be at Scarborough on Monday, October 5. 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. The next Worship Committee meeting is after church on October 18th.

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HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Many of you are familiar with Heifer International, a project our congregation has supported in past years. For those of you who don't know about it, Heifer is a nonprofit organization which provides livestock and trees to poor families around the world. The goal is to make them more self-reliant.

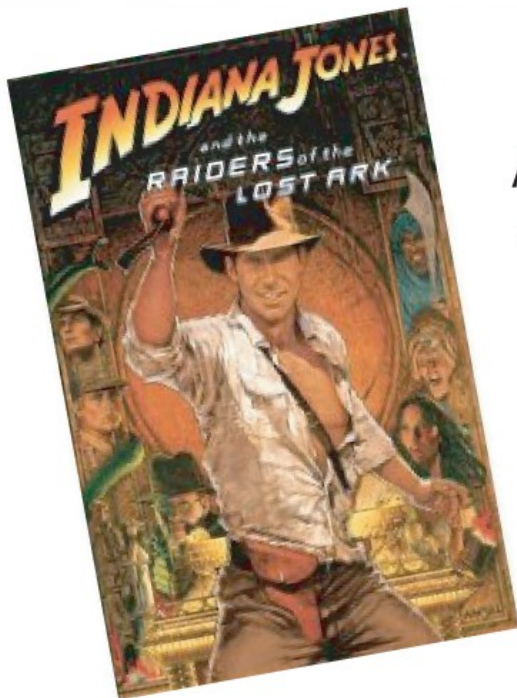
Heifer provides gifts of animals or trees to families around the world. The family directly benefits from the produce of the gift: eggs from chicks who grow to be hens, wool from sheep, honey from bees. They are also able to earn extra income by selling their surplus. This can go to provide other things the family needs like clothing or medicine. Best of all, it may provide school fees so that children can attend classes instead of working in the fields. Heifer also gives families a way to help others while they themselves are being helped. Recipients agree that they will pass on the gift. Offspring of livestock are passed on to others in need.

Through this program we will be raising money to make a gift to a family. It might be a pond stocked with fish. Or it might be chicks, goats, or sheep. We might donate trees to help a family contribute to a greener community. Maybe we will even be able to buy a llama or a water buffalo!

When our drive is over, at the end of this year, we will work with the children to decide what to purchase with our contribution.

The kickoff for this program will be on World Communion Sunday, October 4. Banks will be distributed to encourage saving. You may also ask for a Heifer bank at the office or simply make a donation designated for this project.

Barbara Devir, CLP



Indiana Jones and the
RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

Youth Movie Night!

A little Bible background while we eat our pizza ...and a lotta movie while we munch our popcorn!

Friday, October 23rd
6-9 p.m.

Fellowship Hall @
Scarborough Church

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS --
PILLOWS & PAJAMAS
WELCOME!**

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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