

WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10:30am

9/6 Guest Preacher & Communion

James 21:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

9/13 True Wisdom

Prov.1:20-33;
Mark 8:27-38

9/20 Who Is On

First?
Prov. 31:10-31;
Mark 9:30-37

9/27 Being Practical

Ester 7:1-6, 9-10;
Mark 9:38-50

10/4 Communion

Job 1:1, 2:1-10;
Mark 10:17-31

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Sept. 13th - 1st Day Church School - Breakfast/Register
- New Lecture Series begins Sept. 18
- Sept. 26th - Joint Leadership Retreat
- Sept. 27 - Ossining Faith Community Blood Drive
- Oct. 17 - Annual Rummage Sale
- Nov.15 - Breakfast Midnight Run

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Never "The End"

"Are you upset little friend? Have you been lying awake worrying? Well, don't worry...I'm here. The flood waters will recede, the famine will end, the sun will shine tomorrow, and I will always be here to take care of you" -Charlie Brown to Snoopy

I saw a sign the other day on the side of the road that said, "All recessions have one thing in common. They end." I thought it was a wonderfully effective reminder of the hope that is always right in front of us always. Of course there are ebbs and flows to our fortunes but the truth is that those things that matter are never far from us or long absent. Most of all that goes for our God and God's many blessings. Life does not always go the way we want it but our God stays close helping us with those difficult times and pulling us through those impossible times. And God reminds us again that there is another phrase that can always replace "the end" and that is the beginning. It is our faith that there is no end but only a series of new beginnings. That goes for everything.

We are again at another of those new beginnings. Our church year begins September 13th. Church School begins and all the activities and missions and fellowships that make us a church once again start. Of course church did not end. It has been functioning all summer, but the fall brings a new sense of urgency and life. One unique part of being church is that it is always a participatory event. God does not invite us into fellowship to do nothing. God invites us into fellowship because of the magic that takes place when people work together for a higher good. Church is amazing this way. I am happy to say there are so many ways to enter into this ministry and participate. The choir starts up, we need teachers for church school, there is a blood drive on Sept 27th, the Mission Committee and Worship Committee are looking for members, you can participate as a liturgist in worship, we need people to host coffee hour each week, the Rummage Sale is October 17 and needs volunteers and donations, we have a Morning Midnight Run coming up November 15, there are so many ways to participate in this church. Yes, there is much to do, but it is not about burning us out: it is about (in many small ways) building the Kingdom. When we build the Kingdom together we do not burn out; we are fed and energized like no other activity.

Our church is growing and so our opportunities for working and growing together in fellowships are increasing. It is a wonderful gift. To find all the ways that you might participate in this church and what is going on please go to our website (aboutspc.org) and find that activity or service that fits you, and stretch if possible.

I am wonderfully excited about this church and this year. The Holy Spirit is among us and at work so that means that miracles will abound and we can be blessings and be so blessed by doing so.

Tim

Friday night at the movies for teens:
Pizza, popcorn and ...



BibleLaureate[©]

A Scarborough PresS Curriculum

Join us for one Friday night a month as we discuss the most-quoted, most-used stories and themes from the Bible ...

Then, look at some examples of their use in the pages of popular books (oh, yeah, the kind you need to read in high school English), and...

MOVIES!

Pizza dinner while we read;

Popcorn while we watch ...

Open to all, so bring your friends!

STARTS ON FRIDAY,

September 18th

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Pre-register with Patty Chapman, Tim Ives, calling the church office, or ...just show up!

BibleLaureate is a national award-winning Christian Education curriculum for youth created at Scarborough Presbyterian Church.

Church School Begins September 13

The first day of church school will be September 13th. On that day the kids will come to the sanctuary as usual for the children's message and go with Patty Chapman and Jim and Lisa Cerny for some crazy pancake making. The kids will take this chance to get reacquainted and make some yummy creations. Please bring your registration sheet. You can get it online at aboutspc.org. There will be two age groups again this year until we have outgrown that arrangement. We need teachers for both the older kids and the younger kids. Patty creates the curriculum each Sunday so all you need to teach is your time and your love and some preparation. If you would like to teach please contact Tim Ives tives4932@aol.com or Patty Chapman stnespmktg@aol.com.

Youth!

The first Youth Group event will be on September 27th at 6 PM. We are on our way to Brewster Red Rooster for miniature golf and sliders...yum. Want to come? Go to aboutspc.com for more info and let Tim know. Youth Group is for everyone in middle school and high school.

Blood Drive September 27

There will be an all Ossining community churches Blood Drive on Sunday September 27th at Phelps Memorial Hospital. **If you can give blood please sign up** for a time by calling Tim Ives at the office at 914-941-1142.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE TIME IS HERE!!

Plans are now underway for the SPC Rummage Sale and as 'hunting season' begins we hope you will donate all those unwanted and unused treasures you find in closets, attics, garages, and basements. **Rummage Sale Date: Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Co-chairs of the event are Connie Curran and Kathy Davis. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the church office and available during coffee hours on Sunday starting August 30th, or you may contact Connie or Kathy.

We need many, many volunteers to help sort and set-up during the two weeks before, work the day of the rummage sale and finally at the end of the day, to clean-up. We also need people to head-up the various departments – clothing, linens, white elephant, boutique, toys, furniture, bake sale, and the grill and concession stand. There is plenty to do, the work hours are flexible and it is a great opportunity to interact with other members and friends of the congregation. Please consider sharing some of your time, talent and energy - it is not all work, we do have fun!

We will start accepting donations at the church office beginning Thursday, October 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you need to bring items before that date, please call the church office at 914-941-1142 to make arrangements. To donate furniture, please call the church office to schedule a time for delivery or pick-up. We will not accept non-working appliances, broken toys, games with missing pieces, broken glassware or mattresses.

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 from 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. Sunday, Sept. 20th Tom Davis will lead a discussion of The Book of Job. (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. to continue the Union Theological Seminary lectures on John Calvin and a new topic will be chosen after we are finished with Calvin. 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 resumes weekly Bible study of the Sunday Lectionary Readings on Wednesday,

Sept. 16th 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.

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 Laureate 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: will resume in October, meeting monthly on 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.

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." Several new books have recently be added including: John Calvin Rediscovered: The Impact of his Social and Economic Thought by Dommen & Bratt, Finding Space: Ann Ulanov on Winnicott, God & Psychic Reality, The Unshuttered Heart and Spirit in Jung by Ann Ulanov. Book recommendations are always welcome.

**TWO NEW ADULT ED COURSES
TO BE TAUGHT IN NOV. & DEC.
BEFORE THE SUNDAY SERVICE:**

Ashok Chaudhari will be presenting a paper at a conference in Cambridge, England, on the Scottish Presbyterian Pastor/Theologian John Wood Oman (1860 – 1939). The Hudson River Presbytery has helped to fund the research for this paper. Ashok will be sharing his experience at the Oman Conference and his insights into Oman’s theology on Sunday mornings in November.

Ashok will also lead a discussion of The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle. This book has been recommended to all churches in our region by the head of The Hudson River Presbytery, Susan Andrews. Ashok has found this book of interest and worthy of review and discussion on Sunday mornings in December.

Help with Worship Be a Liturgist

It has long been an understanding of the Presbyterian Church that all members are ministers of the church. It is a part of our tradition that all people are invited to participate in the worship service. One particular way is to be the "liturgist" or "lay reader." Being a liturgist is a sacred and important part of the worship service. You are the lay person leading the congregation during the Sunday worship service in the "Prayer of Confession" and you are also responsible for reading two Bible passages and praying the "Prayer of Dedication" when the offering is received. Many people find participating in the service in this way is a special way to experience worship. If you would like to participate but don't feel experienced enough Tim is happy to work with you before the service so you feel confident when the day comes. Before your Sunday the bulletin will be emailed to you so you can practice and be ready for that Sunday.

Go to aboutspc.org if you would like to sign up.

**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 first lecture is Friday September 18th at 7 PM in the Conference Room.

Worship Committee Meets

The new Worship Committee will meet after church on Sunday September 20th. This committee will be responsible for creating, maintain, and recreating worship services. If you have an interest in working on our sacred rituals please come. Contact Tim if you are interested.

WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAMS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
9/6	Gene Croft Debbie Wenninger	Amy K-Sporn	Camille Lane
9/13	Steven Cho Lucy Milne	Tom Davis	Lisa Pavlik
9/20	Ed Payne Beth Henriqueds	Barbara Cody	Connie Curran
9/27	John Codman Will Ingaham	Chris Potter	_____

New sign up for Liturgist or Coffee Hour host on the web; aboutspc.org or call the office at 941-1142 if you do not have web access and we will help you from our computers.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Amy Kitahata-Sporn
Angela Truglio
- 2 - Nicholas Dunckelman
- 4 - Christine Seuss
- 7 - Terri Zuckerberg
- 8 Julia Anglin
- 10 - Barbara Cody
- 12 - Terry D'Attore
Michele Dilcer
- 14 - Catherine Savell
- 16 - Kelly Dwyer
Jacki Zuckerberg
- 17 - Bruce Ek
Stephen Meudt
- 18 - Nary Kim
Cavan Reilly
- 20 - John Codman
- 22 - Morgan Dodge
Kathy Shaffren
- 23 - Rachel Giampietro (SPCC)
- 26 - Tom Davis

SESSION/DEACON'S RETREAT

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 September 26th 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.

SPCC Children's Center News Summer Camp 2009

Our summer camp program was a big success serving over 70 families. The children enjoyed indoor activities such as arts and crafts, games, puzzles, stories and "rainy day" movies with popcorn. Outdoors we offered sprinklers, a water-slide, bubbles, chalk, bikes and playground time. Each week centered on a special theme such as Pirate Week which ended with a treasure hunt and Circus/Carnival Week which ended with a carnival in the big room with the bouncy castle as the main attraction. The weather was not too hot during summer camp which made for happy campers (and even happier teachers) but ice pops were always a welcome part of the day!!

See you in the fall!!

Beth Ronan,
Summer Camp Director

We Need Coffee Hosts

Coffee Hour after church is a wonderful time of fellowship and socializing for the people who have attended service that day. Some people appreciate it more than the worship service itself as they have time to catch up with friends and acquaint themselves with new people of the congregation. Here at Scarborough we have a wonderful tradition of fellowship and hospitality. Hosting the coffee hour is a wonderful part of that tradition. Most Coffee Hours include coffee (except in summer) and juice for the kids. Beyond that it is anything you want to bring. Paper plates, cups and cutlery are supplied (coffee too!). If you would like to volunteer please go to aboutspc.org.

ON STEWARDSHIP

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

COLLECTIBLES

Are you one of those people who grew up with the maxim "Waste not, want not?" I am, and I suspect many of you are too.

We all have many things which we are probably never going to use. How wonderful to pass them on to someone who will really appreciate them.

About this time of year, calendars start to arrive in my mailbox. This continues right through Thanksgiving. Usually, I am not even asked for a donation. These come from some of the places I have already supported. They are a thank you present. But how many calendars does one household need?

Each year the faculty of Rising Hope/ Sing Sing, a college level program for our brothers at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, collects calendars and distributes them in the prison. There they serve as a daily reminder that someone "on the outside" cared enough to send a gift to someone "on the inside."

Summer is also the season of travel. When I stay at a hotel, there are often lovely, travel size toiletries. It almost makes me want to simply stay in my room, bathe, wash my hair, and have a spa day. Almost. I do go out and enjoy my trip. But I do bring those toiletries home and donate them to Midnight Run. They will be distributed to our friends who make their homes on the streets of New York City.

Maybe you attend a sporting event, tee shirt day at the ball game or races, some event where something is handed out. The list of freebies is long. There are blankets, backpacks, baseball caps, umbrellas besides tee shirts. It is always great fun for me to "get something for nothing." I hardly ever use it. These items too will be welcome by the homeless. The list of what they lack is as long as the list of things we have too much of.

If you have seasonal items of gently used clothing, consider donating to Midnight Run. At this time of year, sneakers, jeans, tee shirts, light sweaters or jackets, and other clothing suitable for the fall are needed. When you carry your world on your back, you don't pack away clothes for next season. You don't even do the laundry. You simply wear something for as long as you can and, when you get a replacement, you discard the old for the new.

It is even okay to collect things that cost money and give them away. On every Midnight Run items in demand include socks and underwear for men and women. Why not have an underwear drive at your church, once, or once a month, or every week. If you read the advertising supplements in the newspapers, you'll notice that every week there is some kind of underwear on sale. The best deals? Buy one, get one free. My favorite!

It is really important for all of us, especially me, to remember that however needy I may feel at a particular moment, I have much more than I need. Sharing reminds me of that.

Please join with me in sharing what you have with our brothers and sisters.

Peace.

Barbara Devir, CLP

Mission Committee Meets

The reorganized Mission Committee will meet on September 12 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

SPIRITUAL LIFE DINNER& DISCUSSION

We meet every first and third Thursday 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: Sept. 3rd & 17th, Oct. 1st & 15th. 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 Amy Kitahata-Sporn at amyks@optonline.net if you are interested.

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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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