

The Shepherd's Voice

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Serving Rockland County, NY & Northern Bergen County,

November 2012

Reaching and Risking to Welcome the World in the Word that has come among us in Jesus.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 4th.
REMEMBER TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCK ON
NOVEMBER 3rd, BEFORE BEDTIME!

MAINTAINING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The congregational constitution states that membership is maintained by receiving the sacrament and making a contribution of record.

Every January, the congregation updates its membership records by noting those who have maintained membership or removed themselves from the rolls.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Observance

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Monday, November 19th — 8:00 p.m.



Good Shepherd's Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 20th — 8:00 p.m.



FROM THE PASTOR

Throughout October, we heard about how God, in Jesus, has balanced the scale for us and for the whole world. Our thanks go to Kathleen Harpster, our Program Director; Herman Mensing, our Stewardship Chair; and all those who have become involved and have continued in our ongoing stewardship emphasis.

The heart of any stewardship emphasis is the faith God gives, along with the Spirit, creating in us hearts and lives that respond in generosity and joy.

What is unique to Christian stewardship is that joy and generosity flow not from our abundance but from our dependence on God. The result of such generosity comes not from what is left over, but from love, which is the first gift of faith. In this regard, St. Paul, who knew his share of a challenged life, speaks of the joy of giving, whether in "plenty or in want".

Time and again, it has been made clear to me that those who give generously, even to the point of having to make significant personal sacrifice, know a joy that stands over against the hardships of life.

Pain specialists often ask the question: Where is pain, on a scale of one to ten, ten being the most painful? As we reflect on our patterns of giving this month, through the church's ministry and in with our other commitments, question where you are on the generosity scale of giving time, talent and money. Ask God's spirit to open you to the challenge of moving up the scale toward living a more generous life. Be assured, too, that if you do not ask God for a more generous life, God is working to create in you and me lives that are growing in generosity. When you enter the sanctuary, look at the cross. By God's grace, the cross has a way of freeing us for all kinds of good and life-giving things. To be sure, there is nothing we can give that can balance the scale of all that God has given us, and continues to give, yet, we have been marked with the cross of Christ, the scale of both God's justice and mercy. That marker always points to lives that cannot help but grow ways that are generous and joy-filled.

The Reverend John W. Havrilla, Pastor

**The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Good Shepherd**

112 North Main Street
Pearl River, New York 10965

OUR MISSION

**“Welcoming the World in the
Word that has come among us
in Jesus Christ”**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 a.m.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

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LIFE STATIONS

Baptisms

	<u>Date</u>
Ayden Jason Guadagnino	10/21/12
Sydney Elaine Guadagnino	10/21/12
Rose Jennifer Burkhardt	10/21/12
Brittany Ann Sawyer	10/21/12
Samantha Caryn Sawyer	10/21/12
Melanie Cristine Saldana	10/21/12

Deaths

Vearl Dupas, Sr.	10/15/12
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Music Outreach Fund

In memory of Verner Ahles, given by Deanna Lauer

**GOOD SHEPHERD
WILL HOLD ITS
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 18th**

GET YOUR COPY OF THE “VOICE” E-MAILED....

It will be exactly the same Voice that you've been receiving through the mail, but delivered via e-mail instead. That way you receive your copy faster, and we save on mailing expenses. To sign up for the e-Voice, send an e-mail to secretary@gspr.org, as well as the e-mail address that you'd like us to use.

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **Nov. 11th** for the **Dec./Jan.** issue. Electronic submission (e-mail) is preferred. Articles submitted after the deadline may not be published, due to space and time restrictions. Please e-mail articles to: secretary@gspr.org.

FROM OUR PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This month, I want to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to the many people who have given generously of their time and talents to assist Good Shepherd. I have been involved with two large projects, and continue to be impressed with the help our members have provided.

Have you ever had remodeling done in your home? If so, you know this experience can be challenging. Yet Good Shepherd had numerous congregants who took time out of their busy schedules to organize the plans, order the furniture, do electrical wiring, painting, laying carpet, installing new phones, assembling the furniture, and all the other pieces required to set up new office space. All of you contributed financially by your weekly offering. This was truly a labor of love, and coincidentally, execution of our 2020 Vision. As new staff members, Tim and I now have space to work. And the whole staff has a more efficient working area.

At the same time the remodeling has been going on, another group of members has been assisting with the 2012 Stewardship Program. These people have been busy making posters, creating a logo, preparing a slide show, a skit, and a group activity. Other members have stepped up to help stuff envelopes, work on mailings, and write *Voice* articles. I have been deeply touched by the efforts people have made to help bring this program to fruition.

It is the direct interaction with these two groups that has inspired me to express my gratitude. I know there are also many members serving Good Shepherd in other areas. Thank you to all of you! Your efforts are appreciated.

Kathleen Harpster

FROM THE VICAR

Happy Thanksgiving Day everyone! As we all know, Thanksgiving Day is all about food... oh, and that thing we call thankfulness. This year as I reflect on thankfulness, I am thankful for the opportunity I have been given to work with each of you and learn more about God.

Also going along with our theme of thankfulness this month, we are having a special Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 20th at 8pm. Everyone is invited to this service, and we would be thankful to see each of you there. Feel free to bring friends or family who are in town for the holidays. We would love to see them, as well.

Vicar Jerod Freeberg, Intern Pastor



GOOD SHEPHERD TURKEY RUN SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A FROZEN TURKEY OR FROZEN TURKEY DINNER (OR A HAM OR FROZEN CHICKEN) TO THE FOOD PANTRY AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE BRONX, PLEASE CALL JAYNE OR TOM KNARICH AT **845-358-7632**. WE WILL BE RECEIVING TURKEYS ON **SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17 BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 AM** IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AND WILL THEN LEAVE TO DELIVER THEM IN TIME FOR THE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR BETHLEHEM TO KNOW ABOUT HOW MANY TURKEYS TO EXPECT, SO PLEASE TRY TO CALL US AHEAD OF TIME OR SIGN UP IN THE SANCTUARY COAT ROOM OR THE EDUCATION BUILDING ENTRANCE. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A TURKEY BUT CAN'T MAKE IT HERE THAT DAY?** CALL US AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK IT UP DURING THE WEEK. WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF THANKSGIVING "FIXINS" OR ANY OTHER GROCERIES. WE CAN PICK THESE UP AS WELL. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AHEAD OF TIME. WE HAVE NO PLACE TO STORE THEM.** WANT TO HELP WITH THE TURKEY RUN? LET US KNOW.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO MUCH APPRECIATED. THEY ARE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE FOOD PANTRY SUPPLIES.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 36
WREATH AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE



Boy Scout Troop 36, sponsored by Good Shepherd Church, will be selling Christmas wreaths (\$20) and grave blankets (\$25).

The wreaths and blankets are beautifully hand decorated by the Scouts, with natural evergreens, pine cones, a red bow, and seasonal decorations. The Troop wishes to thank the congregation for their past generous support of their annual fundraiser. Order wreaths and blankets beginning early November by signing the sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Education Building, or call Scout Master Bob Klein at 845-624-3216.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Have you ever attended a church service or concert and thought, "My friend/ neighbor/family member, would really have enjoyed being part of this."

Well, this December, will be "INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH" month. We have so much going on...Advent Wreath Workshop, special music, white gifts, pageant, and then our festival Christmas services within our beautiful sanctuary. More information will be in the December Voice, but think of someone to invite now!



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Good Shepherd's Men's Breakfast Group meets on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 am in the Church Parlor. All men of Good Shepherd are invited to join us for fellowship and a great breakfast!

Check it out... www.gspr.org

WELCA MEETS NOV. 6TH

The next meeting of WELCA will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 1:30 PM in the parlor. Samantha Sawyer will be our guest speaker. Samantha is a social worker and will speak about her work.

Our first meeting was in October and we had a wonderful turnout. Lots of new faces and that is so rewarding. We talked about plans for the year and it appears it will be a very exciting and rewarding one with some interesting programs to look forward to. For our Christmas meeting, we can expect a nice surprise. Many thanks to Dot Urquhart and Gloria Liebert for all their time and effort arranging programs.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. So, please join us. We are all needed to carry on our outreach programs in our church and our community. We enjoy the programs, fellowship and wonderful refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Bow at 215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 623-7638. If you need a ride, one will certainly be arranged.

ART @ NOON

On October 7th, the Visual Arts Group led a presentation on the stained glass windows in our sanctuary. We learned some of the history, how stained glass is made, and the different kinds of glass represented in our church. We also took a closer look at the windows, the Bible stories behind them, and the symbols within those pictures. Carin Shiga brought in some of her stained glass and tools and explained how they were used. The group was small, but the conversation and sharing lively, and our eyes were opened in ways that will lift our worship experience.

Food, Faith & Friends -- Meeting Tuesday, November 20th at 7 PM

Food, Faith & Friends will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, November 20th beginning at 7 p.m. with dinner and conversation in the church parlor. At 8 p.m., we will move to the sanctuary to join this year's Thanksgiving worship service. We invite you to join in this opportunity to meet new people, share a little of our faith journeys, and eat a meal together. Child care is available if you let us know in advance.

You are cordially invited to join us for the next meeting. Bring yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite! For more information or to **RSVP**, please contact Rich Bowman at rbbp@yahoo.com or (845) 627-6967, or contact lone Mensing in the church office at parishworker@gspr.org.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey

Our Vision Statement and the Bible

One of the goals of the Strategic Planning Team this year has been to incorporate our Vision Statement into the every day life of our congregation.

It was decided that one way to do this is to explore ways in which the Vision Statement is informed by Scripture and share these findings in the *Shepherd's Voice* from time to time. What follows is an excerpt from the **Deepening Faith** portion of our Vision Statement: "Continue to have Worship be a dynamic experience of the presence of God, through Word, Sacrament, Music and Christian community."

Biblical reference: Mark 6:30-34 The Apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

As we heard during a recent sermon, Jesus has an understanding of our basic needs, which include having a place to rest and food to eat. Our worship services continue to provide this "quiet place" for spiritual rest and the nourishment of Holy Communion. If these Bible passages seem familiar, it may be because they immediately precede Mark's account of the feeding of the five thousand.



Stenland Lodge No. 727

Presents its

**Annual Lucia Celebration and Christmas Party
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in its Fellowship Hall**

Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee, soda and desserts served

Requested Donation \$8.00 Children under 16 are free.

For Information, Contact Ingrid Allison at ingridallison@optonline.net or 845-425-1574.

THE HUDSON LYRIC OPERA PRESENTS — *A Masked Ball*, by Giuseppe Verdi

STONY POINT, NY – The Hudson Lyric Opera will present a *Masked Ball*, by Giuseppe Verdi, on Saturday November 3, 10 and 17 at 7:30PM and Sunday, November 4, 11 and 18, at 3PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 47 East Main Street in Stony Point, NY. The opera will be performed in English, with costumes, sets and orchestra. The *Masked Ball* comes from the true story of the assassination of King Gustav III of Sweden. In 1792, the king was killed while attending a masked ball, as a result of a political conspiracy against him. Giuseppe Verdi added love and the prediction of a witch, and set the story to beautiful music.

The Hudson Lyric Opera, now in its sixth season, is comprised of many talented artists who live or work in the lower Hudson Valley. Artistic Director, Rosalinda Perez's purpose in founding this opera company was to provide local musicians and artists the opportunity to showcase their talents while providing the local community with more convenient access to this art form.

Tickets are \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Students/Seniors. For Information, call (845) 709-2273 or email us at info@hudsonlyricopera.org or visit our website: www.hudsonlyricopera.org.

Youth Events and Activities

November 2012



We are entering into a time of Thanksgiving and there's much to be thankful for here at Good Shepherd! When I think of what makes me thankful for our Youth Ministries, I think of the sixty-six Middle Schoolers, "H2o'ing Seeds" every month in Confirmation and the unique ways they encounter the Gospel. I think of the dozens of God's children we have in Sunday Church School every week and the smiles they have as they learn about the faith. I think of "Project 4:12" (our Senior High students) and the ownership they have in the life of this church; the way they help lead our younger kids is outstanding! Thanks be to God for all the young people, from little children to college-age young adults, that we share in life and faith with here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Family Life (Pre-K to 2nd grade)

The term "**Family Life**" represents our families with young children, but it really means more than that, as we have several events at Good Shepherd that are for the lives of families in our congregation. We welcome your families to participate and be involved with a variety of events here at Good Shepherd: "Oktoberfest," "Food, Faith, and Friends," Bible Study, Sunday Church School, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Youth events.

SCS Christmas Pageant Rehearsal takes place November 11th and 18th, after the 10:30 service, for those involved in the pageant happening next month.

SCS St. Nick celebration will take the place of the Sunday Church School hour on Sunday, November 25th. Our kids will come and learn about St. Nick and celebrate. For more information, see Deanna (youth@gspr.org).

J-Crew: "The Jesus Crew" (3rd-5th grade)

Baking for Shut-ins will be an event for our 3rd-8th grade youth and their families to give back to a community of shut-ins. We will bake cookies together Saturday, November 17th, from 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall and deliver them as part of a Thanksgiving service opportunity (our "Upper Room" students will do something similar later in the season). To help provide baking materials, help deliver cookies, or ask questions, please contact Tim (tim@gspr.org).

H2O: "Hope 2 Offer" (Jr. High/6th-8th grade)

Confirmation meets Thursday, November 1st (6th grade), Thursday, November 8th (7th grade), and Thursday, November 15th (8th grade) from 7:00-8:15PM. If you are unable to attend the night of your grade, you may attend one of the other two sessions.

Acolyte Training takes place after Confirmation class, from 8:15-8:30pm on November 13th. Serving as an Acolyte for Sunday morning worship is an expectation of the Confirmation program.

Upper Room meets Sundays at 10:30AM during the SCS hour. Jr. High youth are encouraged to participate in this wonderful and fun ministry.

Confirmand-o Hot Dog Supper is a youth fellowship event with our "Confirmandos" (9th-12th graders) and Confirmands (6th-8th graders). The youth will work together to cook, clean, and serve a simple dinner for their peers prior to Confirmation class on the 1st, 8th, and 15th at 6:15PM. If you are able to help cook, supply food, and/or clean up, please contact Tim (tim@gspr.org). 845.735.2243

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Baking for Shut-Ins (grades 3-8), Saturday, November 17th from 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall (see J-Crew section above for details).

Thanksgiving Service Rehearsal: "H2o" (6th-8th grade) and "Project 4:12" (9th-12th grade) are invited to lead several aspects of our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 20th. Rehearsal for this service will take place before we bake for shut-ins on Saturday, November 17th from 1-2pm in the Sanctuary. If your youth is interested in participating, please contact Tim (tim@gspr.org) or the Vicar (vicar@gspr.org) to sign up for one of the many roles we have available. Please sign up by Thursday, November 8th.

Project 4:12 (Sr. High/9th-12th grade)

Thanksgiving Service Rehearsal: Saturday, November 17th from 1-2pm (see above for details).

Project 4:12 (9th-12th grade) will have their first Youth Group meeting of the season on Sunday, November 11th from 11:30-12:30pm in the Upper Room. We will have games and a lesson/discussion on the scriptures.

For questions about our Youth programs:

Contact: Tim Kellogg, Youth, Family, and Education Director (tim@gspr.org; 845.735.2243) or Deanna Lauer, Youth Coordinator and SCS Administrator (youth@gspr.org; 845.735.2243).

We are thankful for your presence here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and look forward to serving with you in one of our many great ministry opportunities!

Grace and Peace,

Tim Kellogg

Youth, Family, and Education Director



CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

Creative Play has been busy with fall activities. Our children saw a puppet show performed by the parents about pumpkins and friendly witches. Everyone enjoyed this fun show, thanks to our puppet committee members.

Our program committee is preparing to put on a show about the first Thanksgiving. Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a Native American and Pilgrim village. The children will learn about how the Pilgrims and Native Americans lived, and how they taught one another to live in their new land.

The children are busy preparing for Thanksgiving activities by making macaroni necklaces, Native American headbands, and special placemats that they will bring to our Creative Play Thanksgiving Feast. Our children will be served a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, and corn. We are all so thankful for our families and friends!

**VICAR JONATHAN RECABARREN'S
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**

Ordination: December 8th, 10:00 a.m.,
St. Peter's Church
619 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10022

Installation: December 9th, 3:00 p.m.
Fordham Lutheran Church
2430 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY

GREENER PASTURES

- Use ceiling fans in the summer AND winter. By reversing the direction of the blades, warm air is pushed down, helping to keep rooms warm in winter.
- Turn down the thermostat. Lowering it by just one degree can reduce heating energy costs by about four percent.
- Repair leaky fixtures: one drop per second from a leaky faucet can waste as much as 10 gallons of water each week.

Christian Education Opportunities—November 2012

Greetings Good Shepherd families,

The grace and peace of our Lord be with you. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and before we know it that means Christmas will be here, then New Year's, and then Easter. Perhaps I'm getting ahead of myself, but sometimes it seems like life really does move that fast from one moment to the next. And herein lies the message I share with you today, take a moment to give thanks to the God who created us, who provides for us, and whose grace is always sufficient for us. The holidays are a busy time of life and it's easy to get caught up in the "hurry up and go" mentality of it all. May God give you peace in this season and many opportunities to reflect upon what you are thankful for this November. Personally, I am thankful for the journey I have had to get here and the great difference a year of life can make! Last November, Good Shepherd wasn't even a known possibility for me and this November, I am incredibly thankful to call Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Pearl River my new home. Thanks be to God and to you all for providing me with a new home and a new family to serve!

Grace and peace,

Tim Kellogg

Youth and Education Director

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Adult Faith Affirmation:

Are you an adult who would like to brush up on your understanding of the faith? This year at Good Shepherd, we are planning an affirmation/reaffirmation of faith series for those interested in participating. If this sounds like something you want to be a part of, please contact Tim to sign up for this program series (tim@gspr.org). In next month's "Voice," recent adult Confirmand, Donna LaPoma, and I will describe what this program is all about.

Bible Study:

We are off to a good start! We finished our in-depth study of Paul's letter to the Romans and have begun studying Luke's Gospel account. What happened to Genesis? Come join us every Wednesday night from 7:30-9pm.

Guy's Theology Pub

The conversation continues and we invite you to join us! The Guy's Theology Pub will continue its free-form discussion format, where young men and men who feel young can come and ask their unique questions about scripture, theology, and the Christian faith. Although our discussion is free-form, we will begin each week focusing on a particular piece of scripture and the questions that may arise, and we allow the conversation to go where it's most needed and beneficial for our participants. We will meet Wednesday, November 7th and 14th, at the Nanuet Hotel Restaurant, from 8:15-9:15pm. Contact Tim for more details (tim@gspr.org).

Lady's Lunch and Scripture

Ladies, come join us for some lunch and scripture! This month, we will be offering a discussion of scripture for ladies who are interested in a daytime event. We will meet on Monday, November 5th, from noon-1pm in the Parlor. This is a bring-your-own lunch event. We will have some great Table Talk. If you're a lady who's interested, contact Tim for further details (tim@gspr.org).

Soul-ed Out is Coming back!

If you are interested in joining the "Soul-ed Out" ministry team, please contact Tim (tim@gspr.org) or lone (parishworker@gspr.org). We want to bring back "Soul-ed Out," but we need your help and talent! We're looking to do more than just throw an awesome concert, we want to showcase all styles of musical talent from Good Shepherd and the surrounding community!

For all of your Christian Education questions, needs, and desires, contact Tim Kellogg the Youth, Family, and Education Director (tim@gspr.org; 845.735.2243).

Check it out... www.gspr.org

CHURCH COUNCIL CAPSULE



Your Church Council met on September 21st.

Among the topics discussed were the following:

Stewardship: It was reported that the Stewardship program this year will be multifaceted. Three consecutive Sundays will focus on *Deepening Faith*, *Inspiring People*, and *Elevating Service*. Commitment Sunday is on November 11th. The overall program theme is “Generously given to us, generous response from us.” Posters will be put up around the church. A skit to address deepening faith will be performed, and a slide show set to music will be presented. The focus is on how we can be good stewards and use the gifts God has given us in serving others, both within the congregation and outside.

Direct (Electronic) Giving: For those members who wish to give their offerings electronically, a process has been put in place and is accessible on the Good Shepherd Website (gspr.org). A number of people have already enrolled in the program, finding it a convenient way to support God’s work in and through Good Shepherd.

Intern Committee: The names of the people who comprise this committee are: Ingrid DeCicco, Christine Dingler, Kevin Duffy, Dan Duonnolo, Bethany Gruskin, Trish Habas, and Herman Mensing. They will work closely with our new vicar, Jerod Freeberg, in supporting him during his internship with us.

Late September Storm: A power surge occurred recently and affected the church’s electrical systems, due probably to a lightning strike. The fire alarm system became disabled, the intercom to the Education Building door became inoperable, and the electronics in Fellowship Hall were impacted, among other issues. Much of the repair of the affected wiring was able to be addressed by Good Shepherd volunteers, saving us substantial costs. However, there were some repair bills, which totaled several thousand dollars, most of which is covered by insurance.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Arcidiacono

CHRISTMAS GIFTING CHALLENGE!

As we start making lists this year, we might all be considering cutting down. If that is our situation, imagine how much harder it is for many others. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down with our families, talk about our blessings, and think how we can use this season to reach out to those experiencing greater needs.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALTERNATIVE GIFTING

White gifts - Gifts for children brought in December 9th - taken to churches in the Bronx Dec. 16th by our youth - *sponsored by Sunday Church School and Youth*

Project Joy - Adopt family or families through People to People - Names and gift requests will be posted—*sponsored by Social Ministries*

Mitten Tree - mittens, scarves, hats for needy children - *sponsored by Creative Play*

Rockland Psychiatric Children’s Center - Items for teens, sweats, T-shirts, personal hygiene products, games. For more information – *contact Pat Hoffman at 845-708-5364.*

Or give gifts in someone’s name to: **ELCA Hunger Appeal**---www.elca.org: **God’s Global Barnyard** - buy an animal for a needy family at www.elca.org/ELCA/eCards/Categories/Gods-Global-Barnyard

Purchase gifts from **SERRV International**. This organization works with artisans across the globe, by marketing in a just and direct manner - www.serrv.org



*Coping with
the Holidays
Together*

After you've lost someone you love, the grief can be hard to take.

For most of us holidays trigger strong emotions.

We would like to help you find ways to be comfortable in the holiday season. And to remind you that you are not alone in your grief. Members of our Spiritual Care Committee as well as our Bereavement Counselors will be on hand to share their thoughts and feelings and encourage you to share yours if you so desire.

Please RSVP so we can anticipate how many to expect.
Call Elaine Lynam at 845-947-2543

Monday, November 5, 2012
7:30 pm
St. Gregory Barbarigo School
29 Cinder Road
Garnerville, NY 10923
Father Joseph P. LaMorte
Bereavement Coordinator, Elaine Lynam

Directions: Palisades Parkway North to Exit 14
Turn Right on Willow Grove Road (County Rd 98E); proceed 1.9 mi.; turn right on Cinder Rd.
Or 9W North; turn left on Westside Ave/202; turn right on Main St./CR-33; turn left onto Cinder Rd. (take 1st right to stay on Cinder)



Spiritual Care Committee
A Collaboration of UHR and Community Clergy

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Nyack Hospital

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NOVEMBER 2012 				1 All Saints Day 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 10:30-11:00 Staff Mtg. 12:30 LIFE Committee Mtg. 6:15 Confirmando Hot Dog Supper 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 6th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:30 Pastoral Acts 	2 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	3 5:00 Saturday Worship Ser. 6:00 OKTOBERFEST in Fellowship Hall 																																																								
4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:15 Holy Communion/Stewardship 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. Stewardship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS /Upper Room/ Stewardship 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	5 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Knitting Group	6 ELECTION DAY NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK/KE NO BOY SCOUTS 1:30 WELCA 	7 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 7:00-9:00 Committee Meetings 7:30-9:00 Bible Study 8:15-9:15 Theology Pub <i>meets at Nanuet Hotel</i>	8 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg./Calendar 6:15 Confirmando Hot Dog Supper 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 7th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir	9 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE <i>VOICE articles due for Dec. & Jan. Issue</i> 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	10 																																																								
11 Pentecost 24 Commitment Sunday Veterans Day 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Worship/Baptisms/Upper Room/ SCS/ 11:30-12:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4:00 Youth-Project 4:12 to attend concert "Lost & Found" in Yorktown Heights 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	12 NO CREATIVE PLAY	13 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE CP Pilgrim Program set-up 7:00 Boy Scouts—Education Bldg. 8:00 Women's Faith Life Group	14 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE CP Pilgrim Program—FH 4:30 Executive Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Church Council Mtg. 7:30-9:00 Bible Study 8:15-9:15 Theology Pub <i>meets at Nanuet Hotel</i>	15 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE CP Pilgrim Program—FH 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 Confirmando Hot Dog Supper 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 8th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:15 Pastoral Session 8:15-8:30 Acolyte Training	16 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	17 9:00 Men's Breakfast—Parlor 9:00-12:00 Girl Scouts—FH 1:00-2:00 Rehearsal for Youth (for Thanksgiving Service) 2:00-4:00 Youth "Baking for Shut-in's" All youth invited.																																																								
18 Pentecost 25 8:15 Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Room 11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal—FH 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	19 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE CP Thanksgiving Feast—FH 8:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Observance at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, P.R., NY	20 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE CP Thanksgiving Feast—FH BOY SCOUTS—CANCELLED 8:00 THANKSGIVING SERVICE	21 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE	22 THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED CREATIVE PLAY CLOSED 	23 CREATIVE PLAY CLOSED 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	24 																																																								
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