



# The Shepherd's Voice

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

I remember being quite surprised by a question from someone who lived in the area of the church. The question was a simple one: Are Lutherans a part of a sectarian church? Wow, that question more than surprised me. It stunned me, but I quickly learned why the person asked it. The name of our church includes the name of a person. Without knowledge of our teachings, I suppose it would be easy for someone to think that Lutherans are sectarians.

I assured this person that Lutherans are part of the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic church", and a vast majority of Lutherans around the world are part of the ecumenical church of Jesus Christ. Granted, there are some Lutherans who have a more narrow view of Christianity than others, but all Lutherans teach that the church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Our Good Shepherd congregation is a good example of how we reflect the wide spectrum of Christianity. We include Roman Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, and people from the Reformed denominations, Southern Baptists, Episcopalians and a host of other denominations. We also include people from other Lutheran denominations, just as other congregations include Lutherans.

October 31 is Reformation Day, the day when Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg with the hope of discussing needed reforms in the church. His opponents eventually began to call Luther's supporters "Lutherans", a name included in the official name of some Lutheran churches around the world, but certainly not all. In some countries, the name of the church simply uses the word, "Evangelical" without the using Lutheran. In other countries, the name is The Church of the Augsburg Confession. I don't think that one would work too well here in the USA.

Regardless of the name, Lutherans do not "follow" Martin Luther. Luther's entire teaching is centered in the gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected, in the goodness of God's created order in nature and in the world, and in God's anger against sin but love for the sinner. Lutherans believe that the church, rooted in the faith of the apostles, is formed by the Holy Spirit through the proclamation of the Word and the right administration of the sacraments, in grace that is a gift, received by faith alone, created by the Spirit, apart from any human effort.

Many Lutherans do hold a fondness for the Martin Luther they have come to know through his writings. His writings show that Luther was an "earthy" character and a person who had many of his own struggles in life; however, the Holy Spirit was able to use Luther to rekindle the message of scripture in the church again, simply stated in Romans 3:28, that a person is put right with God through faith alone and is saved by grace, apart from doing any good works and that from this gift of faith good works flow freely.

Luther's whole message pointed to Christ and would probably have had a good laugh over the notion that he would be the center of a sectarian religion. The important question today is not about Luther or even the name of a church but how is the Holy Spirit creating passionate, open-minded communities of faith that are driven by Christ's love for the world?

*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.

**CONTACT US**

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John W. Havrilla - Pastor

Jonathan Recabarren - Pastoral Assistant

Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister/  
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Robert Bergman - Treasurer

Nancy Carlson - Creative Play Director

Dale Damon - Church Secretary

Steve Damon - Bookkeeper

Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Choir Director

Don Widmayer - Council President

Dagmar Klein - Church Administrator  
Youth Administrator

Jeanette Kunow – Superintendent of  
Sunday School

John Lampkin - Composer in Residence

Deanna Lauer - SCS Office Adm./ Worship  
Leader/Youth Coordinator

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**2011 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Donald Widmayer - Council President

Eileen Kennedy - Council Vice President

Robert Bergman - Treasurer

Kim Arcidiacono - Council Secretary

Susan Baumeister - Social Ministry

Rob Bayer - Property

Werner Boecker - Financial Secretary

Barbara Bow - Worship & Music Liaison

Brian Brooker - Property

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Lin Simeti - At Large

Barbara Sloane - Fellowship

John W. Havrilla - Pastor

Jonathan Recabarren - Pastoral Assistant

**LIFE STATIONS**

**Baptisms**

**Date**

Hudson Alexander Eisold

9/25/11

Chase Patrick Coleman

9/25/11

**Wedding**

**Date**

James R. Weiss, III, & Lindsay Anne Megdanis

9/16/11

**HOT DOG SUNDAY THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Pat Hoffman and her crew, James Cleary, Dan and Julie Syvarth, Alan Armstrong, Rob and Tanja Wisner, Kim Girard, and Amy Zaidan, who put on our Annual Hot Dog Sunday for the congregation, and all those who pitched in to clean up...a wonderful way to start the year. Thanks also to B& M Meat Market in Park Ridge, and Munno's Deli in Pearl River for helping us out with this event

**Voice Publication Deadline**

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by October 10th for **the November 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](mailto:secretary@gspr.org).

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### SUMMER FINANCIAL REPORT

The monetary "slow times" in summer caught up with us in August and Hurricane Irene just continued the revenue downturn into September. However, these are just temporary setbacks as we return to a full activity schedule this fall.

We are thankful that our church and families have largely escaped injury or damage from the recent storms. As our activities increase, please review your giving plans and keep Good Shepherd in your prayers.

*MUSIC SUNDAYS @ NOON*  
*October 30, 2011*  
*Presents*

*REFORMATION FESTIVAL*  
*Evening Bells*

### STEWARDSHIP

Scripture gives us specific directions regarding financial stewardship. This is an important part of the Christian life, and is a significant aspect of our relationship with Jesus. Following are five directives regarding our giving, and where they are referenced in the Bible. Please take the time to read these few verses:

Give First – Deuteronomy 26:1,2

Give Intentionally – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7

Give Proportionately – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:3,4

Give Generously – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1,2

Give Cheerfully – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7

### INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?...or just want to find out more about Good Shepherd?

On October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m., we will be gathering for an opportunity to get to know other interested people, learn about our faith and history, and share in our present and future hopes. We are asking those who wish to become members to attend both sessions. We will be receiving New Members into the church on October 31st. Please call the church office or e-mail [parish-worker@gspr.org](mailto:parish-worker@gspr.org) if you would like to attend or if you have any questions

### WELCA MEETS OCT. 4TH

The first meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the parlor. We will talk about how we spent our summer and what our plans are for the coming year.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA, so please join us. We enjoy some interesting and entertaining programs and of course the fellowship and refreshments are welcome. We are all needed to be able to continue our many outreach programs.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

### 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.

**2011 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE  
 INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
 OCTOBER 9th.  
[office@gspr.org](mailto:office@gspr.org)**

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
 WILL HOLD ITS  
 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
 MEETING ON SUNDAY,  
 NOVEMBER 20th  
 FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

A reminder to all that our Wednesday Night Bible Study Group will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on September 28, Oct. 5, 12, 26, Nov. 2 and 30.

We will meet in Pastor Havrilla's office. All are welcome; come and join us as we read the "#1 best selling book of all time," The Bible.

### **MEMORIAL TREE OF LIFE**

The Memorial Tree of Life, located in the hall of the Edward B. Buller Education Building, is available for donated leaves in memory of a loved one, or "in honor of", or just a family name. The cost is \$250 per leaf. Contact the church office if interested. (845)735-2243.



### **GUIDO VON AUTENRIED—HONORED RECIPIENT OF FULLER AWARD**

Guido von Autenried, PE, has been honored as this year's recipient of the "Fuller Award" in the engineering field of water supply. Guido is Director and Chief Engineer of the Consulting Firm: Buck, Seifert & Jost, Inc. in Norwood, New Jersey, a firm for which he has worked for 57 years.

This award, presented by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is granted to one engineer in each State each year for distinguished service to the water supply field. It is emphasized that this award was initiated by George Warren Fuller, who is credited for his leadership in developing and organizing good water supply practices throughout the USA in the early 1900s.

The award was presented to Guido at the New Jersey AWWA in Atlantic City, New Jersey in March 2011 and at the National Convention of AWWA in Washington, D. C. in June, 2011.

### **"SEW IN" For Lutheran World Relief**

**Saturday, Oct. 29 1-4**

**Saturday, Nov. 12 1-4 pm**

Come join us on Saturday Oct. 29 and/or Saturday Nov. 12 to sew together large squares of fabric and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

No special talent is needed--just willing hands and a desire to give comfort and warmth on a cold night, or shelter from the hot sun to refugees and other people in need. These quilts may become a bed, a room divider, a back pack to carry belongings, and at times, even a home.

We need your helping hands; any fabric you may have from leftover projects (or projects never started), sewing machines and regular sewing supplies are welcome. We need people to cut, sew, press, and tie these quilts.

We'll meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday Oct 29 and Nov. 12, from 1-4 pm.

Any questions? Call the church office or Florence Johnson at 735-6695. Thanks for your help.



**ESL classes started Sept. 19th. We are still looking for volunteers for the program. We meet on Monday evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Call Joan Duonnolo at 845-267-8390 if you can help.**

### **WOMEN'S FAITH LIFE GROUP STARTING ITS 6TH YEAR**

The Women's Faith Life group will be starting its 6<sup>th</sup> year on Tuesday night October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. The group meets on the second Tuesday of every month from October until May. This group was designed for women in "the thick of it". With careers, children, family and community obligations, and very little time for themselves, we gather to share, relate, support and find strength in our faith to keep us going. Due to the nature of a "small group" atmosphere we ask each person to do the best they can to attend all the sessions. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lin Simeti @ linsimeti@squareuaway.com.

## Youth Happenings-October



### **Introducing our new Youth Council!**

President: Lea Miller  
 Vice-President: Katherine Filatov  
 Treasurer: Matthew Klein  
 Secretary: Katie Lauer  
 Council Youth Representative: April Hanna

The Youth Council is already hard at working planning activities for all youth. Watch future bulletins, emails and Facebook postings for exciting details on upcoming events.

### **Confirmation:**

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade: Thursday, October 6, 7:45-8:45pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Thursday, October 13, 7:45-8:45pm

### **Acolyte Training - Thursday, October 27, 8:00-8:30**

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to acolyte at the 8:15 am service throughout the year. You will be trained the month before you acolyte and you will be notified via email if you are to attend the training.

### **ProZ Meeting – Sunday, October 2, at 10:30am.**

High school youth will meet with Vicar Jonathan in Fellowship Hall to kick off the year!

### **Suffern Soup Kitchen October 29, 10AM-Noon**

Join us as we prepare and serve food to those less fortunate than ourselves. Watch upcoming bulletins for the menu to be served and for what food items still need to be donated.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD MUSIC MINISTRY 2011-12**

Dear Friends and Sacred Musicians,

Our work together this year will begin my seventh year with you! Each choir—instrumental—vocal is improving, expanding its vision of offering excellent anthems to God in our worship services and sacred concerts. It is my privilege to be here with you, and I look forward to another exciting year.

Please mark your calendars for our first rehearsals. We have new people coming in every choir, and my prayer is that they will find us friendly, warm and loving...and dedicated to giving our best talent and hard work to God's music.

Brenda Ferguson

### *Senior Choir—Worship Leaders*

Thursdays—8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

### *Evening Bells—Advanced Handbell Choir*

Mondays—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### *Chapel Choir, Savior's Bells—High School Musicians*

Mondays—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Soloists, CANZONA

Mondays—8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### *Sacristy Singers, God's Holy Bells—Elementary School Musicians*

Thursdays—4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

### *The Organ School—Classical Scholarship Students*

Individual lesson times, TBA

## *Communicating with Compassion*

Knowing What to Say.....  
And Knowing What NOT to Say.....

### **A WORKSHOP**

Which includes a “how-to” film, a panel of experts,  
and plenty of time for discussion. You will develop

confidence and personal comfort when visiting  
friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and  
congregants who could benefit from a helping  
hand and compassionate heart.



### **WHERE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

112 North Main Street, Pearl River, New York

RSVP: 845-735-2243

**WHEN: Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7 pm –9pm**

**Please attend if you would like to help your faith community reach out to members in need...or if you just would like to feel more comfortable visiting a sick friend.**



**REFRESHMENTS** will be served.

**Good Shepherd Church is located close to Rt. 304 and Central Avenue in Pearl River.**

**(Take Central Avenue EAST to North Main Street and turn left; the Church will be on your right)**

### **Spiritual Care Committee**

A Collaboration of UHR and Community Clergy

Corinne Ambrosino, Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship  
Rev. Warren Brandt, United Methodist Church  
Pastor John Havrilla, Good Shepherd  
Pastor Carl Johnson, Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship  
Bill McClusky, Summit Pk. Nursing Care Center  
Pastor Scott Ramsey, Germonds Presby. Church  
Msgr. Edward Weber, St. Francis of Assisi

Sr. Pat Hogan, St. Francis of Assisi  
Mimi Hoffman, UHR Community Liaison  
Naomi Lauture, UHR Spiritual Care  
Sr. Theresa Lardner, UHR Spiritual Care  
Rabbi Dan Pernick, Temple Beth Am  
Bonnie Walsh, UHR Assistant Director

***Coping with the Holidays***  
*as you discover the new normal*  
***November 7, 2011 7-9pm***



**Ease the Pain of Grief and Loss...**  
**Explore Opportunities for Healing...**

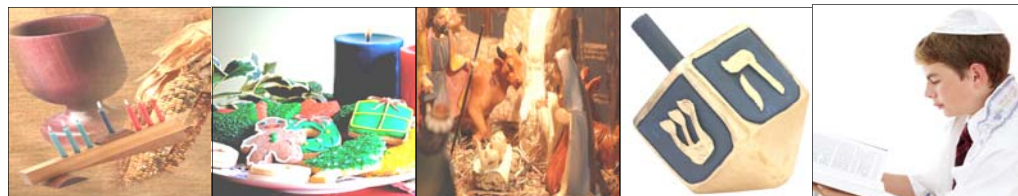
**Meet others who have found creative ways to "get through" the holidays. ...Listen to their stories... Learn from their experience...Discover new ways to manage this holiday season as well as other important days throughout the year.**

**WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall**  
**128 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY 10994**  
**Need addition information? Call 634-4957**

**Please  
Come**

**Bring along  
someone  
who makes  
you feel  
brave.**

**All  
Faiths**



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 Pastor Carl Johnson  
 Gracepoint Gospel  
 Fellowship  
 Sr. Theresa Lardner  
 UHR Spiritual Care  
 Coordinator  
 Minister Naomi Lauture  
 UHR Spiritual Care  
 Coordinator  
 Bill McCluskey  
 Summit Park Nursing Center  
 Rabbi Dan Pernick  
 Temple Beth Am  
 Pastor Scott Ramsey  
 Germonds Presbyterian Church  
 Bonnie Walsh  
 UHR Assistant Director  
 Msgr. Edward Weber  
 St. Francis of Assisi

## GREETINGS FROM SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL!

Good Shepherd Sunday Church School is off to a great start with our first class having taken place on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day and we were blessed with 95 students in attendance. Registrations are still being accepted and enrollment numbers are expected to increase in the weeks to come. The day began with a welcome-back staff breakfast followed by teachers being at the registration tables to meet and greet new students. Once everyone was signed in, we moved on to our weekly mini-service under the leadership of Deanna Lauer.

Each week, students should arrive to Fellowship Hall no later than 10:20 a.m. Students should proceed to their seats and quietly wait for the service to begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the mini-service, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed with their teachers to their classrooms. Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade stay in Fellowship Hall for cherub choir rehearsal under the guidance of Cherub Choir Director Michelle Zaro. Once rehearsal concludes, Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will also return to their classrooms. At 11:30 a.m., please pick up all students from their regular classrooms. If the door is closed, it means instruction is still ongoing and teachers will open the door and greet you when the session is over. Healthy snacks are provided on a weekly basis for grades pre-k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This is done to ensure that we remain allergy free and provide a safe snack for all students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce this year's staff:

|                        |                                    |   |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Pre-k                  | Michelle Zaro                      | Assistants: Katie Lauer & Katherine Filatov |
| Kindergarten:          | Leigh Tuohy<br>Karen Coyle         | Assistant: Julia Syvarth                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> grade: | Kim Callanan<br>Christine Kowalski | Assistant: Kristina Demou                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: | Debra Thaler                       |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: | Diane Maikisch                     |   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: | Stephanie Kunow                    |   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: | Kristina Florov                    |   |

Office Staff: Tom Vislocky

Cherub Choir Director: Michelle Zaro

Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourselves and see firsthand all the wonderful happenings at Good Shepherd Sunday School.

Keep your ears tuned in to hear the heavenly voices of our Cherub Choir the next time they perform in church. They sing with such joy and enthusiasm that is truly heartwarming!

Last but not least, we are always looking for new volunteers such as substitute teachers, ninth grade and up students to be classroom assistants, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Kunow  
SCS Superintendent  
[jkunow@optonline.net](mailto:jkunow@optonline.net)  
494-8755

Deanna Lauer  
SCS Worship Leader/Administrator  
[lauerwd@msn.com](mailto:lauerwd@msn.com)  
639-1775

### CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

The leaves are turning beautiful fall colors and the children are excited for the autumn days. Everyone has settled in nicely and school is off to a great start.



Our school pictures were taken in the beginning of October; everyone brought their smiles. We had a visit from our Pearl River firemen; they taught us all about fire safety. Sparky, the fire dog (pretend!), made friends with all the children.

Our classes are learning about apples, leaves and acorns, and before we know it, Halloween will be here. There's always so much learning and fun going on here at Creative Play.

*Nancy Carlson, Director*

### THANK YOU GARDENERS!

**Thank you to all who planned and planted, weeded, watered, spread mulch, trimmed, cleaned up.**

**The gardens looked beautiful this year!**





## COME TO OKTOBERFEST 2011

**October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
(doors will open at 5:45 p.m.)

Come for an evening of  
German atmosphere, great food,  
entertainment provided by Larry Zaidan's Tuba Quartet,  
music, raffles, children's activities and fellowship



Menu: Roast pork and gravy, potato pancakes, potato salad, sauerkraut & bratwurst, apple-sauce, green salad, rolls and an apple dessert (hot dogs for children)  
Beer, wine, cider and soda

**Cost: Adults \$12.00**  
**Children \$6.00 (3-12 years old—children under two are free)**  
**Family: \$35.00**  
**Wine and beer: \$5 each – limit of two**

We are looking for “many hands to make light the work”, so watch for sign-up sheets to: set up, decorate, bake, cook/work in kitchen, serve, cleanup. We are also looking for individuals and groups to make up baskets for the raffle table.

Proceeds will go to *People to People* and Pastor Larry's food pantry in the Bronx—Feel free to bring some extra donations of food items. We will be eating like kings, while others are hungry.

Please fill out the form below and send to church office with payment, with **Oktoberfest indicated on the check**. No tickets will be sold after church, and confirmation will be by e-mail or telephone.

**Only 125 tickets will be sold, and the deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### OKTOBERFEST 2011 – October 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail or telephone # for confirmation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wine:** \_\_\_ **Beer:** \_\_\_ (limit of two per person)

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

Good Shepherd is in an enviable position among local Lutheran churches due to the vibrancy of its members, superb pastoral leadership and the ongoing work of its volunteers in creating and supporting new programs. Here at Good Shepherd, we believe we must continue to grow our ministries and service to the world. That, coupled with the expected retirement of Pastor John in the next several years, has prompted your congregational leadership to examine the strategic initiatives necessary to lay the foundation for continued growth and support of existing programs.

After a half decade of analysis and planning, the church Council, Pastor John and the Strategic Planning team endorse the hiring of additional **full and part-time staff** to create a stable environment going forward. A series of meetings and presentations will be held this fall to so that every church member is fully informed about our plan and all questions are addressed before a vote is held at the annual meeting in November.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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### Cottage Meetings and Presentations

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>after the 8:15 a.m. service – in the parlor</b>             |
| <b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>after the 9:30 a.m. service – in the parlor</b>             |
| <b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>after the 10:30 a.m. service – in the sanctuary</b>         |
| <b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>continuous presentation from 9:15-12:00 – in the parlor</b> |

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### FOOD, FAITH & FRIENDS—NEW GROUP

Looking for a Community that involves real people rather than just an on-line social networking site? This group might be for you!

Introducing **Food, Faith & Friends** -- Good Shepherd's newest opportunity for meeting new people, sharing your faith (including your questions), and sharing a meal together. Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 8** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Child care is available. You don't need to bring anything except yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite!





For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rich Bowman at [rpbb@yahoo.com](mailto:rpbb@yahoo.com) or (845) 627-6967, or contact Lone Mensing in the church office at [parishworker@gspr.org](mailto:parishworker@gspr.org). Space is limited, so please RSVP by Sunday, October 30.

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### PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Before finalizing plans for events, please give the office the dates and intention of the event so that coordination with other congregational activities can take place. This will help coordinate the increasing number of activities that continues to serve our wider mission and ministry. Thank you.

*Check it out... [www.gspr.org](http://www.gspr.org)*

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>OCTOBER 2011</b>  |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>2 Pentecost 16</b><br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Contemporary Worship<br>10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/<br>Upper Room<br>8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall   | <b>3</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>6:00-7:00 Evening Bells<br>7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir<br>7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry<br>7:30-9:00 ESL Classes—FH   | <b>4</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>1:30 WELCA Mtg.—parlor<br>7:00 Boy Scouts—FH   | <b>5</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>9:00 Golden Stitchers<br>7:30-9:00 Bible Study                               | <b>6</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>11:00 Staff Mtg.<br>4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers<br>7:45-8:45 Confirmation 6/7th<br>8:00-9:30 Senior Choir  | <b>7</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9 Pentecost 17</b><br>8:15 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Contemporary Worship<br>10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Rm.<br>Baptisms<br>8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall  | <b>10 Columbus Day</b><br>Creative Play/UPK Closed<br>6:00-7:00 Evening Bells<br>7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir<br>7:30-9:00 ESL Classes—FH<br><br><i>Voice Deadline for November</i> | <b>11</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>1:00 Piecemakers<br>7:00 Boy Scouts—FH<br>8:00 Women's Faith Life Group                 | <b>12</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>9:00 Golden Stitchers<br>4:30 Executive Comm. Mtg.<br>7:30-9:00 Bible Study | <b>13</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers<br>7:45-8:45 Confirmation 8th Gr.<br>8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal  | <b>14</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>11:30 Staff Mtg./Calendar Mtg.<br>12:00 Sr. "B" Club Mtg.—FH<br>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall | <b>15</b><br>9:00 Men's Breakfast Group<br>6:00 OKTOBERFEST—FH<br> |
| <b>16 Pentecost 18</b><br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Contemporary Worship<br>10:15 Cottage Mtg.—parlor<br>10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/<br>Upper Room<br>10:30 New Member Class<br>11:30 Bridge-to-Future<br>Information Mtg.—sanctuary<br>8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall   | <b>17</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>6:00-7:00 Evening Bells<br>7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir<br>7:30 ESL Classes/FH   | <b>18</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>10:00 CP Governance Bd. Mtg.<br>7:00 Boy Scouts/FH<br>7:00 Creative Play Exec. Bd. Mtg. | <b>19</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>9:00 Golden Stitchers<br>7:00 Church Council—parlor                         | <b>20</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>11:00 Staff Mtg.<br>4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers<br>7:00 Pastoral Acts<br>7:45 ECCO<br>8:00-9:30 Senior Choir  | <b>21</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall   | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23 Pentecost 19</b><br>8:15 Holy Communion/Temple Talk<br>9:30 Contemporary Worship/<br>Temple Talk<br>10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Rm./<br>Cherubs/Temple Talk<br>10:30 New Member Class<br>11:30 Coffee Hr./parlor<br>8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall  | <b>24</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>6:00-7:00 Evening Bells<br>7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir<br>7:30 ESL Classes/FH   | <b>25</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>1:00 Piecemakers<br>7:00 Boy Scouts/FH  | <b>26</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>9:00 Golden Stitchers<br>7:00 SPT Meeting/parlor<br>7:30-9:00 Bible Study   | <b>27</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>11:00 Staff Mtg.<br>4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers<br>7:00-9:00 Hospice Mtg.—FH<br><i>"Communicating with<br/>           Passion"</i><br>8:00 Acolyte Training<br>8:00-9:30 Senior Choir | <b>28</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>12:00 Sr. "B" Club Mtg.—FH<br>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall                                   | <b>29</b><br>10:15-11:15 Yth work in Soup<br>Kitchen—Suffern, NY<br>1:00-4:00 LWR Blanket<br>Workshop—FH  |
| <b>30 Reformation Sunday</b><br><br>8:15 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Contemporary Worship<br>10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/<br>Upper Rm./New Members<br>11:30 New Member Reception<br>12:00 Sunday @ Noon Concert<br><i>"Reformation Festival"</i><br>8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall | <b>31 Reformation Day</b><br>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK<br>6:00-7:00 Evening Bells<br>7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir<br>7:30 ESL Classes/FH<br>                                    | <b>1 All Saints Day</b>   |   |  |   |   |



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