



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* RIDGEWOOD

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church *of* Ridgewood!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us!

*Pastor Bruce can be reached at 215-337-5623 and via email:*

*pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org.*

*He encourages you to reach out to him should you need pastoral care.*

*Interest Items Sunday, April 14, 2024*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for THIS WEEK:**

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)**

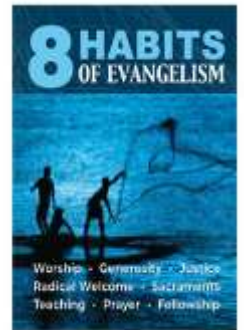
## 8 HABITS OF EVANGELISM

When you hear the word *evangelism*, what may come to mind is a street preacher exhorting listeners to “get saved” or Christians going door to door, passing out tracts and talking to anyone who will listen. And while those approaches have their place and indeed have brought many into a relationship with Christ over the years, most of us would not be comfortable engaging in those practices.

Evangelism, simply stated, is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. And the Office of Theology, Formation & Evangelism of the Presbyterian Mission Agency has developed an education series entitled *8 Habits of Evangelism*, which is designed to take a more holistic approach to sharing the good news.

The good news is about a God of love, who has a loving purpose for the world, and there are multiple ways in which a faith community can live out that good news and enable others to experience it.

During the months of April and May, on four Sundays following coffee hour, we will hold a gathering to explore four of the eight habits. Each gathering will begin with a short video focused on a particular aspect of holistic evangelism, followed by a discussion. And each gathering will take place in the Minnema Room.



### **Four Habits of Evangelism**

**Sunday, April 14**

**Sunday, May 5**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Sunday, May 26**

**Fellowship**

**Worship**

**Teaching**

**Generosity**

On these four dates, please plan to grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat, then join us for stimulating and thoughtful conversation. Your participation will serve as one building block in our endeavor to build congregational vitality here at First Pres.

In the words of presenter Tod Bolsinger, “These exercises are meant to be done in groups of people who want others to come to the table.” We hope you will come and be part of this group!



## FIRST PRES EVENTS

Easter Sunday, April 14 – Sunday, April 21

Please go to our website at [www.firstpresridgewood.org](http://www.firstpresridgewood.org),  
click on the **EVENTS** tab for our **full** calendar.

### SUNDAY, April 14

10:00 am Worship SANCTUARY  
 10:30 am Trinity Worship Chapel  
 11:30 am 4 Habits of Evangelism: Fellowship  
 Minnema Room  
 5:00 pm Living Water Church Chapel

### MONDAY, April 15

7:00 pm East Meets West Minnema Room

### TUESDAY, April 16

11:00 am Staff Meeting Library  
 7:00 pm Session Minnema Room

### WEDNESDAY, April 17

7:00 pm Mission, Peace & Social Righteousness Team Via Zoom

### THURSDAY, April 18

### FRIDAY, April 19

### SATURDAY, April 20

### SUNDAY, April 21

10:00 am Worship SANCTUARY  
 10:30 am Trinity Worship Chapel  
 11:30 am 4 Habits of Evangelism: Worship  
 Minnema Room  
 5:00 pm Living Water Church Chapel

## BULLETIN BOARD HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 2024

### “LENTEN SUPPERS AND FAITH JOURNEYS”

Faith Journeys by George Kritzler, Bonnie Brooks, Sandy Santangelo and Diane Eliya.

### “EASTER BLESSINGS”

Celebrating Easter and the children’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

### “MORE GOOD NEWS”

Events and activities during the last month.



## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Following worship on Sunday mornings, most of us enjoy the coffee, pastries and fellowship during Coffee Hour in the Auditorium! In order for Coffee Hour to continue running smoothly, we could use

some help. If you are able to come to the church at 9:00 a.m. to cut and plate pastries and/or stay for a few minutes after Coffee Hour to help clean up, your help will be appreciated! Just stop by the sign-up sheet (across from the elevator), pick a Sunday, and sign up. Thank you!

## St. Paul's Shelter ~ Monthly Meal ~ First Sunday of Every Month ~

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On the evening of April 7th, the Torielli family embarked on a culinary crusade, delivering a delectable dinner crafted with care by the compassionate souls of First Pres Volunteers to the gentlemen residing at St. Paul's shelter.

The menu boasted tantalizing delights such as Oven Fried Chicken by the culinary virtuoso Bobbe Kutcha, Ziti with a touch of perfection from Linda Strickland, Suzy McDevitt's savory Salisbury Steak, Laura McGrath's crisp and refreshing Fresh Coleslaw, and Dana Feeney's delightful Fruit and Bread ensemble.



Heartfelt gratitude is extended to these volunteers for their generosity, invaluable time, and culinary prowess. Their efforts not only nourished bodies but also warmed hearts. Amidst the exchange of food and conversation with the shelter staff, a sense of camaraderie and compassion flourished.

While the men at the shelter expressed profound gratitude for the feast bestowed upon them, the mission continues, and more hands are needed to uphold this noble cause. Opportunities beckon for volunteers to join in this endeavor, with slots awaiting fulfillment in May.

If you feel called to partake in this journey of kindness and sustenance, please reach out to the Torielli family via email at [Torielli@hotmail.com](mailto:Torielli@hotmail.com) or via text at 201-661-1452. Your contribution, no matter how small, can make a world of difference in the lives of those in need.



### **THE 2024 FLOWER CHART IS READY TO BE FILLED**

*The Flower Chart is located to the left of the bulletin board in the hall. Please choose an open Sunday to give the Chancel Flowers. The price is \$60 or you may share the cost with another family.*

*You can pay via cash, check or Venmo the church @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ.*

***The following dates are available:***

***April 28 ~ May 5 ~ May 12 ~ May 26 ~ June 2~ June 9 ~ June 16 ~ June 23 ~ June 30***

*Dana Feeney will include your dedication (s) of the Chancel Flowers in the Sunday Bulletin.*

*You can celebrate anything you wish, and memorial dedications are welcome as well.*

*Flowers are delivered to members and friends by the Deacons as part of their Flower Ministry.*

## Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

### Enrolling Now

Come visit our school.

Call for a tour.

201-445-2552

5 days/week for children 2½ - 5 years of age  
Highlights of our program include:

- Half Day/Full Day Options
- Music Classes
- Gym & Spanish Classes
- In-house field trips



### First Presbyterian Church Nursery School

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Director: Julia A. Bolt



## First Pres. Nursery School

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Apr 27  
10 - 12 PM



tel. 201-445-2552

[www.fpnssr.com](http://www.fpnssr.com)





## "SAVE THE DATE"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH/722 E. RIDGEWOOD AVE.

MONDAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH TO THE 8TH  
9:00AM TO 11:30AM!



## "Camp Firelight"

FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 TO 7  
COST: \$30.00 PER CHILD

REGISTRATION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION  
WILL BE SENT IN JUNE!

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### *Walk & Talk*

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you enjoy walking?  
Do you enjoy stimulating conversation?

Join Pastor Bruce and your First Pres friends  
for an hour of fresh air, exercise & fellowship!

We'll walk & talk on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00  
at the Duck Pond in Ridgewood!

Thursday, April 25 - Thursday, May 30

See you at the flagpole near the front parking lot @ 6:00!



# ORPHEUS CLUB MEN'S CHORUS



## Spring Concert

**April 27, 2024**

**SATURDAY • 7:30 P.M.**

**First Presbyterian Church**

722 East Ridgewood Ave. | Ridgewood

*Thomas Juneau, Director*

*Ron Levy, Pianist/Assistant*

*Conductor*

*Justin Kemp, Associate Artist*

**SPECIAL PRICE TICKETS**

**\$20**

**AVAILABLE  
ONLINE**

at our website



**REGULAR  
TICKET PRICES**

\$25 - At the door

\$20 - Seniors & Students over 18



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**201-677-8439**

This program is made possible in part by a grant administered by the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs from funds granted by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts



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