



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 for Sunday, September 17, 2023

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Bulletin Board Highlights

September 2023

“BICENTENNIAL MOMENTS”

“200 Seconds” talks with Andy Castaldi,
Sarah Pavao and Mike Schuil

“THE SPIRIT OF SPORT”

Members share their favorite sports, teams
and players

“THE GOOD NEWS”

Recent church activities and the people
who show up!



Walk & Talk @ the Ridgewood Duck Pond:

Thursdays September 21 & 28;

October 5, 12, 19 & 26

Are you looking for a way to get more exercise and enjoy the beautiful fall weather? Would you like to connect with friends from church during the week? Then Walk & Talk is for you! On the following dates, be sure to join Pastor Bruce and your First Pres friends at 6:00 p.m. for an hour of exercise and lively conversation as we walk the path around the Duck Pond on East Ridgewood Avenue: Thursdays September 21 & 28; October 5, 12, 19 & 26. Put on your walking shoes and meet us at the flag pole (on the west side of the Duck Pond) between 5:45 and 6:00. And one more thing: bring a friend! See you at the Duck Pond!

Get Acquainted Breakfast Gatherings:

Sundays September 24, October 1 & 8 @ 8:30 a.m. in the Minnema Room

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Pres? Or would you like to learn more about the church as you consider becoming a member? If so, you are invited to attend a series of three Get Acquainted Breakfast Gatherings on Sundays, September 24 and October 1 & 8, in the Minnema Room (lower level). Sponsored by the Growth Committee, the breakfast gatherings provide a convenient way to get acquainted with the church, some of its members and staff, as well as various First Pres ministry and mission opportunities. Please contact Pastor Bruce (215.337.5623) pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org if you have any questions or if you plan to attend.





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

On Sunday, September 3, the McDevitts delivered food made by First Pres volunteers for dinner for the men at St. Paul's Homeless Shelter in Paterson.

The meal consisted of garlic Parmesan chicken made by Janis Ax, meatballs made by Marcia Unger, garlic Parmesan pasta made by Joel Torielli, a green salad made by Marjorie Vanacore, and Italian bread and clementines provided by Laura Magrath.

Many thanks to these faithful volunteers for providing this delicious meal!

If you are interested in helping out with the St. Paul's Mission, or are still considering and have some questions, please contact Suzy McDevitt by text at 201-315-2063, or by email at suzyjmc2@yahoo.com. We still have a few spots that need to be filled for the October and December meals (always the first Sunday of the month).



Sunday, September 17 - Sunday, September 24

Please go to our website at www.firstpresridgewood.org, click on the EVENTS tab for our full calendar.

SUNDAY, September 17

9:45 am High Touch High Tech
Sunday School Kickoff Program Auditorium

10:00 am First Pres Worship SANCTUARY
10:30 am Trinity Worship Chapel

1:45 pm Produce Mission
Ridgewood Train Station

5:00 pm Living Water Church Chapel

MONDAY, September 18

TUESDAY, September 19

12:00 pm Staff Meeting Library
7:00 pm Session Minnema Room

WEDNESDAY, September 20

6:00 pm First Pres Supper Club for those
Experiencing Loss
Home of Marjorie Vanacore

THURSDAY, September 21

6:00 pm Walk & Talk Ridgewood Duck Pond
7:45 pm Chancel Choir Sanctuary

FRIDAY, September 22

SATURDAY, September 23

SUNDAY, September 24

8:30 am Get Acquainted Breakfast Gatherings
Minnema Room

10:00 am First Pres Worship SANCTUARY
10:30 am Trinity Worship Chapel
11:00 am Deacon's Reception Dining Room

1:45 pm Produce Mission
Ridgewood Train Station

5:00 pm Living Water Church Chapel

PRODUCE MISSION SUNDAYS

All are welcome to help with this annual mission and it is very easy to participate!

Meet at the Farmers Market ~ Ridgewood Train Station @ 1:45 pm.

Produce gets packed up and brought to First Pres.

All work is done by 3:00 pm.

You can sign up @ [Produce Mission: First Pres Produce Mission \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Produce Mission: First Pres Produce Mission (signupgenius.com))

or contact Sandy Santanglo @ gssantangelo6@gmail.com.

This mission runs every Sunday until October 29th!



A Night Out to Support The Aleppo Christian Center

at First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood

722 East Ridgewood Ave | Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Saturday, September 30 | 5PM - 8PM

Ticket Prices: \$50 Adults | \$25 Children under 12

Dinner, Music, and Dancing

Call 551-404-7345 to purchase tickets/ more information

Appetizers, Dinner, & Dessert catered by Nouri Café
(Vegetarian options available)



The Aleppo Christian Center, a project of The National Evangelical Synod (Presbyterian) of Syria and Lebanon, will be constructed on the site of the Presbyterian Church which was bombed and reduced to rubble in 2012. The center will be a place for outreach to the community, theological training, ecumenical gatherings, and interfaith dialogue. Construction has already begun, but more funds are needed to complete the project.

To donate to the fundraiser without purchasing a ticket, venmo us.



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TEAM 200 MUM DRIVE

Purchase MUMS to beautify your home! Proceeds will go towards the continuation of “Celebrating 200 Years of God’s Grace and Glory”

Mums will be wonderfully displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 24!
You can pick them up after worship.

Mums are \$15 each!

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19!!

To order, please fill out this form **OR** text/email
551-404-7345/jessicastrader@gmail.com
or Dana Feeney in the Church Office ~ office@firstpresridgewood.org.

Name _____

Phone _____

I would like to order _____ flowers to be used in the Sanctuary on September 24th.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Attached is my payment: _____

Or I will send my payment to the church: _____

I will pick up my plant after the 11:00 am on September 24th _____

Or please give to a homebound person or family on our prayer list _____.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FIRST PRES CHURCH OR
VENMO THE CHURCH
AND PUT MUMS IN THE COMMENT SECTION.**

Proceeds go to Team 200 for bicentennial expenses.

*Please put this form in the offering plate
or leave it in the church office.*



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