



# 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 May 28, 2023*

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK:

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



**Chancel Flowers** can be donated in honor or memory of someone throughout the year! The price for the two arrangements that are on the Chancel every Sunday morning is \$60. **Please find the chart in the hall (pictured on the right)** and reserve a Sunday or email Dana Feeney in the Church Office ~ [office@firstpresridgewood.org](mailto:office@firstpresridgewood.org). She can help you reserve your date and receive your dedication for the bulletin. **You are welcome to share a date with someone. All dedications will appear in the bulletin.**

**The following dates are available:**

**June 25**  
**July 9, 16 & 30**  
**August 6 & 13**  
**September 3 & 17**

## VBS 2023

**Monday, August 7th -**  
**Thursday, August 10th, 2023**  
**Time: 9:00AM - 11:30AM**



**We NEED Volunteers to help with Shepherding, Crafts/Experiments, Snacks, Music and Activities.**

Please prayerfully consider helping with this amazing children's program to make this a great success.

Contact: MaryEllen Castaldo email at [marecmt@aol.com](mailto:marecmt@aol.com).

Text or call: cell#862-686-8956



## @ FIRST PRES

*Sunday, May 28 - Sunday, June 4*

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

### SUNDAY, May 28

10:00 am	First Pres Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Church	Chapel
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

### MONDAY, May 29

*Church Office is closed.*

### TUESDAY, May 30

12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Via Zoom
7:30 pm	Session	Minnema Room & Via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, May 31

11:30 am	Archive - Team 200	Library
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### THURSDAY, June 1

7:00 pm	Chancel Bells	Sanctuary
7:45 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, June 2

### SATURDAY, June 3

9:00 am	Officer Training	McClure Room
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### SUNDAY, June 4

10:00 am	First Pres Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Church	Chapel
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

## St. Paul's Monthly Mission



On Sunday, May 7, Joan Davies delivered dinner to the men at St. Paul's shelter, provided by volunteers from First Pres. On the menu for the evening was chicken and pork sliders made by Joel Torielli, franks and beans made by Laura Magrath; macaroni and cheese provided by Elisa Cerina and Suzy McDevitt (leftover from the Deacon-provided Lenten dinner and frozen), a green salad made by Rebecca Burger, and fruit and bread provided by Linda Strickland.



A big thank you goes out to Joan for jumping to action and volunteering just a week previously, to thaw and heat the macaroni and cheese, and to deliver all of the dishes to St. Paul's, when there was a last minute change of plans. And another big thank you to Rebecca, also, for volunteering just a week previously to replace the veggie dish. We have such a great and dedicated group of volunteer cooks. When that last minute call for help went out bc of these changes, so many reached out with offers to help!



If you are interested in helping out with First Pres's mission at St. Paul's or just have questions, please contact Suzy McDevitt by email at [suzymcd2@yahoo.com](mailto:suzymcd2@yahoo.com) or by text at 201-315-2063. We are thrilled to be able to say that the schedules of volunteers for the months of June and July have been completed, thanks to amazing support!



## Bulletin Board Highlights May 2023

**Bicentennial "200 Seconds Talks"** with Donna Flagg, Sami Eliya, Dr. Ed Schmiedecke, Marcia Unger and Paul Eliya  
**Easter Blessings** with highlights of Pastor Bruce's Easter sermon, Musicians, Lenten Faith Journeys, Prayer Stations and Easter Egg Hunt.  
**The Good News** includes, Baptisms, Choir soloists, visiting Preacher Rev. Mary Marcus and the Annual Fish & Chips dinner.





**First Wednesdays**  
**June 2023**

Ladies, join us for an evening of food, conversation, and spiritual inspiration. It's a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to gather together with church friends and make new ones, as we discover fresh ways to connect with one another and with God. Each gathering will include a brief spiritual inspiration with most of the time for people to enjoy fellowship over food.

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**What: June Hostess – Donna Flagg**  
You are invited to bring a dish to the potluck dinner.

**Spiritual Inspiration of the Month – Joanne Bonwick**  
*Navigating the Turbulence of Transitional Times  
and What Getting Lost Can Teach Us.*

**Date: Wednesday, June 7**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Place: First Presbyterian Church  
Minnema Room**

**Please RSVP by Friday, June 2 to Donna Flagg**

Email: [flaggbda@gmail.com](mailto:flaggbda@gmail.com)

Phone number: 201-818-6881





PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL

## CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE AND GLORY

*First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, New Jersey*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9th, 2023 6:00 PM**

CATERED PICNIC | LIVE MUSIC | ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10th, 2023 6:00 PM**

EVENING WORSHIP | HYMN SING REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11th, 2023 10:00 AM**

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CATERED LUNCHEON

If you have not already responded,  
please let us know if you are able to attend the following events:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Date	How many will attend?
Catered Picnic ~ Live Music	Friday, June 9	
Evening Worship/Hymn Sing ~ Refreshments	Saturday, June 10	
Morning Worship Service ~ Catered Lunch	Sunday, June 11	