



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* RIDGEWOOD

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church *of* Ridgewood!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us!

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*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, May 12, 2024*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for THIS WEEK:**  
**TUESDAY – FRIDAY (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)**



*Congregational Meeting*  
**TODAY following Worship**  
*in the Sanctuary.*

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***Woman's Guild will meet Tuesday, May 14***  
***at 12:00 pm in the Library.***

*( location is temporarily changed due to kitchen renovation )*  
*Coffee and dessert will be served, please bring your lunch.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**Vacation Bible School 2024**



**Monday, August 5th – Thursday, August 9th, 2024**

**Time: 9:00AM–11:30AM**

**We NEED Volunteers to help with Shepherding, Crafts, Snacks, Music and Activities. Please prayerfully consider helping with this amazing children's program to make this a great success.**

**Please contact: MaryEllen Castaldo, email at [marecmt@aol.com](mailto:marecmt@aol.com).**

**Text or call: cell#862-686-8956**



## FIRST PRES EVENTS

Sunday, May 12 – Sunday, May 19

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

### SUNDAY, May 12

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	SANCTUARY
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

### MONDAY, May 13

7:00 pm	Deacons	Minnema Room
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### TUESDAY, May 14

11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Sacristy
12:00 pm	Womans Guild	Library
7:00 pm	Session	Minnema Room

### WEDNESDAY, May 15

### THURSDAY, May 16

6:00 pm	Walk & Talk	Ridgewood Duck Pond
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### FRIDAY, May 17

### SATURDAY, May 18

### SUNDAY, May 19

10:00 am	Worship	SANCTUARY
10:30 am	Trinity Worship	Chapel
11:30 am	8 Habits of Evangelism	Minnema Room
11:30 am	Bicentennial Garden Planting	Garden
5:00 pm	Living Water Church	Chapel

## 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**

*"Building the foundation for a lifetime love of learning"*

722 E. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood NJ 07450 • 201- 445-2552 • [www.fpnsr.com](http://www.fpnsr.com)

Director: Julia A. Bolt

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



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:*

*May 26 ~ June 2 ~ July 21 ~ July 28 ~ August 11 ~ August 25*

*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.*

### 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!

**Caring Cooks** is a vital ministry that was originated almost 20 years ago. We are a group of volunteers who will cook a meal and deliver it to a member of the congregation who may be in need. We are called upon if someone has had surgery, an illness, a hospital stay or a death in the family. Caring Cooks has been a blessing to many in our congregation, and we always welcome new members to join in our work. Please email Nancy Walters at [momksj14@msn.com](mailto:momksj14@msn.com). Also if you are in need of a meal for any reason, please contact Nancy.



*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!*



## "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!**



## **Scholarships Available for Summer Camp at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center**

Johnsonburg has been hosting memorable, fun, overnight summer camp programs in Northwestern NJ for 64 years. Sessions are designed for campers to be engaged, challenged, educated and kept safe throughout their week of fun games, silly songs, amazing moments and unforgettable activities.

The 2024 Summer Camp season features six one-week sessions that begin on Sunday and end on Friday. This is an overnight Christian camping program that is lots of fun and designed to provide faith-building in a way that meets campers where they are.

When campers leave at the end of the week, they'll be tired, but all smiles. Campers return home feeling more confident in themselves, stronger in their faith and having learned spiritual practices and made new friends.

The First Presbyterian Church Mission, Peace and Social Righteousness Team is offering five \$300 Camp Johnsonburg scholarships to children of the church on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information regarding summer camp sessions at Johnsonburg, go to the camp website: [Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center | Summer Camp NJ \(campjburg.org\)](https://www.campjburg.org)

For more information regarding the scholarship, you may speak with Pastor Bruce.





**First Wednesdays  
May 2024**

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: May Hostess – Donna Flagg**

You are invited to bring a dish to the potluck dinner.

**Spiritual Inspiration of the Month – Dawn Murdock**

***The Gift of the Holy Spirit: Reflecting on the roles of the Holy Spirit through Scripture and our lives***

**Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

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

**Place: First Presbyterian Church  
Minnema Room**

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 24 to Donna Flagg**

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

Phone number: 201-819-2327



## **BULLETIN BOARD HIGHLIGHTS May 2024**

**“ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL”**

Meet some of member's favorite pets.

**“THE ‘WORD’ AND WORDS IN WORSHIP”**

The message and those who participate.

**“THE GOOD NEWS”**

Events and activities during the last month,  
and meet the newest members.



***Family Planting Day***  
***Sunday, May 19, 2024***

In order to maintain our Bicentennial Garden, we are holding a 2024 “Family Planting Day” event with our church school families on Sunday, May 19, 2024, after worship/coffee hour.

Come to church in your jeans! A day of sprucing up our garden!

If you would like to help fill our garden with annual & additional perennial plants and flowers, you can donate toward the purchase of flowers, plants and mulch needed to keep our Bicentennial Garden looking healthy and beautiful! Our garden is located on the East Ridgewood Ave. side of our church building. Please help us to continue to beautify our “Bicentennial Garden.”

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

I will send my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the church.

Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood.

On your check, please write “Bicentennial Garden” in memo:

You can donate using VENMO. Please indicate “Bicentennial Garden” in your comment!

Thank You!