



THE MESSENGER

April 2018

Upper Ridgewood Community Church
35 Fairmount Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

MINISTER'S COLUMN

What a difference a year makes! In this season of Easter, I can truly say that it was sort of a death and resurrection experience for our son, Ryan, and our family. As you know, Ryan was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in April 2017 and this year, even though he is not out of the woods, he has progressively good news from his post of March 12, 2018. I will let his post speak for itself.

Hello,

I have some news to share. Congratulations to all of us. Our light the night team came in second place in fund raising this year and we won this award (pictured below). The photo used in the awards was drawn by a 9-year-old girl with AML here in Tucson. From what I was told, the little girl drew this picture while receiving her induction chemo (the first hospital stay in the treatment plan after diagnosis). My ability as an art critic is probably the worst in the state, but this photo is pretty cool.

Her heart in the middle is being held by her friends and family. I learned pretty quickly I couldn't have made it this far without all of your support, especially Cassie and my family. Thank you for being my hands. Look at the lines going in and out of her heart. These represent the many IV lines needed to deliver medicine to her body during treatment. The many colors represent all the different chemotherapy drugs used to combat her leukemia. Even as a medical student, I'm amazed at the depth of understanding this 9-year-old has facing her disease. I still cannot comprehend all that has happened this past year. It feels like I was abducted by aliens and just returned to earth. Maybe that's the picture I should have drawn of me running away from a spaceship. Maybe the Leukemia and Lymphoma society would select that for next year's award? Ha!



I know the road ahead is not guaranteed. I will continue to have biopsies and blood work for the next 5 years to monitor for recurrence but it is beginning to feel like the worst is behind me. Last week, I took the dreaded Step 1, Medical Board Exam. I am glad to put that behind me as well! I will begin school the first week in April, exactly one year from diagnosis. I am looking forward to going back and getting into a normal routine again.

Thanks again for the continued support, many notes, letters, and phone calls over the past year. My parents are coming to Tucson tomorrow if they can escape the latest Nor'easter in time. We are going to relax and celebrate where we are today!

Ryan and Cassie

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COMMUNITY CHURCH AT WORSHIP

The Reverend Nolan D. Palsma, Liturgist and Preacher

April 1 – 10:00 a.m.

FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Baptism, Remembering Our Baptism & Holy Communion

Psalm 118, Mark 16:1-8

April 8 – 10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 16, John 20:19-31

April 15 – 10 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 116, Luke 24:13-35

April 22 – 10 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 23, John 11:11-18

April 29– 10 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 22, John 15:1-8

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m., we Christians celebrate Christ's resurrection and his victory over sin and death. The service will begin in darkness, followed by reception of members, infant baptism and a remembering of baptism liturgy. It is in the baptismal rite and the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we remember that "we are dead to sin and alive to Christ." After the announcement of Christ's resurrection, "Christ is Risen!" "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" the congregation will break into the hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" with the procession of choir. There will be special children's time during the worship and an Easter Egg hunt after worship.

LENTEN/EASTER OFFERING FOR RIVER MINISTRY IN HACKENSACK

The consistory has designated The River Homeless Mission and Community Help Center as its Lenten and Easter offering. Located on the campus of the Second Reformed Church, 436 Union Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, the ministry invites in and reaches out to all, especially the homeless, hurting, and marginalized of the community. It also is a center of help, hope, and healing through providing physical, mental, and spiritual needs and helping build community through information, communication, uniting, providing life essentials, organizing and uniting. Offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex and in the pews.

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On Sunday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., the congregation of Upper Ridgewood Community Church is cordially invited to the Holocaust Memorial Service at Temple Israel, 475 Grove Street, Ridgewood. The service, led by the Ridgewood Religious Leaders, will offer an opportunity for the community to stand together with our neighbors in remembering, mourning and honoring those of all ages who were taken from their homes and businesses to places of humiliation, abuse and death.



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NEXT FOOD SUNDAY

April 15th is the next date for the food collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's Parish in Paterson. This food pantry provides emergency food supplies and household products to individuals and families in need. Persons are referred to this food program by ten different social service agencies, government offices and churches in the area. The next time you shop, please put a few extra items in your shopping cart for someone else.

DONATIONS FOR THE MIDLAND PARK THRIFT SHOP

Don't forget the Midland Park Thrift Shop at 85 Godwin Ave. in the King's shopping Center while spring cleaning and clearing out clothes, small household appliances, children's toys books, magazines (within a year of publication), dishes, pictures, frames, toys, etc. See complete list on bulletin board in Fromm Foyer. Please mark your donation bags with #7 for URCC and drop off any Monday or the 1st Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Or you may leave them in the basket in the church narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Syphen opal1019@hotmail.com or (201) 677-1960.

GROCERY CARDS

Grocery cards are available from Stop and Shop, King's, and ShopRite. With every purchase of \$100.00 in grocery gift cards, stores pay \$5.00 back to the Sr. High Youth Fellowship. The best part is you still get the full \$100.00 value of the card. It never expires and it can be used in increments. The whole value of the card doesn't have to be spent at one visit to the grocery store. Please consider participating! Cards may be secured from the church office or on Sundays during the social hour.

RIDGEWOOD RELIGIOUS LEADERS

On April 3th, 8:00 a.m., the Ridgewood Religious Leaders will gather at West Side Presbyterian Church.

BANNERS

In the past few months, you may have noticed that the sanctuary is graced with new banners. If anyone wants to refund the memorial account and buy the last set of Pentecost banners, the cost is \$230 per set. The other liturgical season banners have been purchased by the generous donations of our members. Please notify the church office of your wishes. A special service of dedication will be held in worship on Sunday, June 10.

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS AND USHERS

Sign-up list for Social Hour hosts is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Should you wish to assist on any Sunday, just sign up, make coffee and hot water for tea and bring any type of goodies. **This social time after worship is a vital part of our church. We are partners and colleagues in this work.**



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LIFE CYCLE CHANGES

- ◆ We welcome to the membership of the church Brian and Jennifer Kirby Matano, and their son, Jack, who were received and baptized respectively on Easter Sunday, April 1.
- ◆ Christian sympathies are extended to Dorothy Barthold and family upon the death of her husband, Walter, on March 10. Funeral Services will be held at Christ Church, Ridgewood on Saturday, April 7, 1 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

During this month of March, the Senior High Youth had the opportunity of serving and sharing dinner with the Friends to Friends Community Church, formerly First Reformed Church in Ridgewood. A big thank you goes to all who helped out and a special thank you to Lindsey Barclay who served as the parent coordinator.

During the month of April, the Sr. Highs will serve a Pancake Breakfast in Hess Hall on Easter Sunday morning and provide an Easter egg hunt for the church school children after worship.

Here is the schedule:

April 1	Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt (fundraiser)	Marras
	Breakfast served 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., Set up at 7:30 a.m. (Intergenerational)	
April 8	Holocaust Service at West Side Presbyterian - 7:30 p.m.	
May 6	Usher/Read/Serve Communion	
June 3	Usher/Read/Serve Communion	

FUTURE FAMILY PROMISE OPPORTUNITIES

Save the dates! Next opportunity to partner with West Side Presbyterian Church is October 22-23 and December 10-11. Four to six volunteers will be needed to share the responsibilities of an overnight, provide the evening meal, support and entertainment for the children for two to three families. Family Promise provides temporary shelter for working, homeless families with dependent children while they confront the issues that contributed to their homelessness. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the church office for those who wish to participate in the important ministry in October and December.



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Please join us for a Ladies Luncheon

Honoring the Dittrick Family legacy
Tracy Autera and Lindsey Barclay

Thursday, May 3rd from 12-3PM

Ridgewood Country Club
96 West Midland Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652

Door prizes & 50/50 Raffle!

\$80 per person

RSVP by **April 20th** to Corrie Gaffoglio at
380 Shelbourne Terrace, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Please make checks payable to Social Service Association

You may also pay directly online at www.ssaridgewood.org

When submitting payment please indicate with whom you would like to sit!

If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to SSA to support our upcoming Campership Campaign

Social Service Association 6 Station Plaza Ridgewood, NJ 07450

SCOUT LIFE PROJECT

On Saturday, April 21, 12- 3 p.m., one of our scouts from Troop 7 is orchestrating a work project here at the church. The work will include power washing, transplanting shrubbery and cleaning the beds around the church. Besides helping out with the scouts, there are other jobs for adults like cleaning the church gutters and fixing two outdoor lights fixtures. It can be a day for a scout life project and a work-day for the church. Come when you can; leave when you must.

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2018
Grocery Gift Card
Program



Printable Online Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

KINGS (#of \$100s) _____ **(total \$ amount)** _____

ShopRite (#of \$100s) _____ **(total \$ amount)** _____

Stop and Shop (#of \$100s) _____ **(total \$ amount)** _____

Total Gift Cards _____ **Total Amount \$** _____

Mail or drop off this form to the church office with a check made payable to:

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Or stop by the church office on Sunday morning and they should be available for pick up.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Easter Celebration 8:45 am Pancake Breakfast, 10 am Worship, 11:15 am Social Hour and Egg Hunt, 11:30-5pm SJW	2	3 8:00 am Interfaith Clergy Meeting at West Side	4 9:30 am Classis Executive Meeting	5 10:00 am Clergy Lectionary 7:30pm Troop 7	6 7-8pm Cub Scouts meet in Hess Hall 6:30-8pm SJW	7 1:00pm Walter Barthold's Funeral at Christ Church R'wood
8 10 am Worship 10:15 Children's Church School 11:15 Social Hour/Choir Rehearsal 11:30-5pm SJW 7:30 pm Holocaust Service at Temple Israel	9 7-9pm Troop 7 Easton Great Rm	10 7pm URCC/SJW meeting in Easton Great	11	12 10 am Clergy Lectionary 7:30pm Troop 7	13 6:30-8pm SJW	14
15 Food Sunday 10 am Worship, 10:15 Children's Church School, 11:15 am Social Hour/Choir Rehearsal 11:30-5pm SJW	16	17 7pm Consistory Mtg in Easton Great Room	18	19 10 am Clergy Lectionary 7:30 pm Troop 7 7pm Evening AA Rm#5	20 6:30-8pm SJW 7pm Cub Scouts	21 12-3pm Scout Life Project
22 10 am Worship 10:15 Children's Church School 11:15 Social Hour/Choir Rehearsal 11:30-5pm SJW	23 7pm Finance Meeting in Easton Great Room	24	25	26 10 am Clergy Lectionary 7:30 pm Troop 7	27 6:30-8pm SJW	28
29 10 am Worship 10:15 Children's Church School 11:15 Social Hour/Choir Rehearsal 11:30-5pm SJW	30					

St. John of Wallachia (SJW) is scheduled on Sundays from 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

THE AA GROUP meets here Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Room #5 through the year.
Evening AA meets the third Thursday Evening in Room#5.