



# First Reformed Church of Nyack

Nyack's Hometown Church  
Celebrating 175 years of  
service

November 2013

## Remarks from Pastor Fred on the Occasion of the 175th Anniversary



*The LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Every journey begins with one step. Today we celebrate a 175 years journey of a people of faith. This journey is not to a far off religious destination, but it is a spiritual pilgrimage. A pilgrimage with Christ within our hearts, within this place, within this community.

I'm reminded of the story of Joshua and his men who walked around Jericho seven times a day for seven days, blew the trumpets and overtook the city. The founders of this congregation were committed to a spiritual journey toward God as they walked, and lived, and died, around the village of Nyack. From one generation to another, the people of faith on the corner of Broadway and Burd have passed forward this spiritual baton. And for a brief period of time, a very brief period, we hold this 175 year old baton.

We honor our past. But not just the last 175 years. We also honor the last 2000 years. For we continue a tradition left by Christ and the apostles. The First Reformed Church is not solely a landmark in the community, but it is the Body of Christ. And while we honor the past, today is actually a celebration of the present. We are called today – as was the congregation in 1838 – to love God and to love this community. This is a tradition that we promise to continue through our Worship, through our spiritual formation and through our service.

My friends, the streets of heaven are filled with angels who walked through these doors. And we are committed to continue this holy work. The work of angels.

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## Pastoral Remarks continued

As I mention in the October newsletter, I am reminded of the *Communion of Saints* – the spiritual union among the members of the Christian faith who are alive and dead. The members of First Reformed Church today are united in spirit with the inaugural members in loving God and loving others. They, in heaven, pray for us. And we not only stand on their shoulders, but on those of the Reformers, and on the shoulders of the Apostles in continuing to pray and work in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in Nyack and throughout Rockland County, by word and action. We are committed to be a safe place, a sacred space, of holistic ministry loving God and serving others.

*The LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Amen.

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## Remarks from Mayor White on the Occasion of the 175th Anniversary



I am so sorry not to be there today to celebrate your 175 years as one of the strongest, kindest institutions in our Village. As a joyous a celebration as this is, I must be up the street at the memorial to those brave Nyack men who lost their lives in the Brinks robbery that will always cause deep sadness in our heart. I will think of all of you as I stand there and grieve because you are the epitome of the kind of decency and kindness that our community shows every year on this anniversary.

We are a place that stands together, celebrates together and grieves together. This Church is a living example of that. What happens here is not just about religious faith but about all that it means to be a community. I applaud and admire all that you all do for all of us. I believe, as both Mayor, and a mother and wife in our small community, that we must all stand together, to help each other, to weather storms both literal and private, to support each other, to educate each other and to strive for good. This church glows, like a giant beautiful red love filled heart in our downtown, with that kind of commitment and partnership.

As a proud Soup Angels volunteer, I see the hungry in our midst. Within these walls and with the manpower the amazing Soup Angel volunteers, we are feeding them. I have met with your minister and I know, like me, he believes that we can raise up the youth of our community but, again, only if we work together. We can create mentorships, we can give children faith, we can feed our hungry and soothe our troubled and we can take our already wonderful community and make it better. Every time I come through these doors I feel the commitment to humanity...it sometimes feels like it actually starts here. The heart. Of Nyack.

Thank you for all you have done over an amazing 175 years...and all that we know you will continue to do. Congratulations on this incredible celebration.

Jennifer White  
Mayor of Nyack



## Highlights from the 175th Anniversary Celebration



Rev. John VandenOever (Church Supervisor),  
Pastor Fred, Rev. Roberta Arden, Rev. Robert Williams, Rev. William  
Doster, Rev. Thomas Danney



Rev. Robert Williams  
President of Rockland-Westchester Classis



Rev. Thomas Danney, 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor (1989-2011)  
Rev. William Doster, 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor, Interim (2011-2013)  
Dr. Fernando Arzola Jr., 18<sup>th</sup> Pastor (2013-Present)



Elder Betty Cameron  
First Woman on Consistory



Katherine Ogden  
Longest confessing member still attending  
Baptized at FRC on June 26, 1921



Margie Jennings  
Chair of Pastoral Search Committee





## SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCITEMENT



By Bonnie Williams

The young people have had a busy month in October. Many of them donned robes and sang in celebration of the First Haitian Church's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a number also attended the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration dinner for First Reformed Church.

Sunday School numbers are really growing (17 young people on October 27<sup>th</sup>) and we **desperately need volunteer instructors to teach the age 3 to Kindergarten class one Sunday a month.** Maya Esteban and Charlie Jennings as well as Joshua Leonard are the core of this enthusiastic group. Please think about dedicating one Sunday a month to this happy and fulfilling experience.

### Coming Happenings in November

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Sunday School will use part of the class time to assemble **Operation Christmas Child boxes.** This is a heartwarming time in which the children have an opportunity to pack surprises for children who may not experience the joy of Christmas in any other way. These boxes, along with those prepared by Elise and Caileigh's Girl Scouts troop and others in the church, will be dedicated in church on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Thanksgiving Children's Message by Youth

During the service on November 27<sup>th</sup> Junior and Senior High Students will present the children's message.

**A brief Christmas Pageant Meeting will fol-**

**low the November 17<sup>th</sup> church service!** The Pageant is a big undertaking and **many volunteers are needed for costumes, scenery, lighting, props, makeup, rehearsal refreshments and entertainment during rehearsals.** We welcome all helpers for our 89<sup>th</sup> annual production! This event provides a unique opportunity to share the good news of Christ's birth with our friends and neighbors.

### Christmas Pageant Schedule:

November 24<sup>th</sup>: **Pageant sign** should be displayed in front of the church.

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30pm: **All able bodied dads and young men needed to put up scenery!**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30- 11:30am: **1<sup>st</sup> Pageant Rehearsal – new time!**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30pm: **Dress Rehearsal still at 2:00!**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm: **Annual Christmas Pageant!** Reception following





## Giving Thanks by Giving

By Carol Russell

Our congregation has been richly blessed. We just celebrated our 175 year of sharing the love of Christ and serving Him. So this year, rather than holding a Thanksgiving meal for our own congregation, we will collect food to provide Thanksgiving meals for others. Our contributions will help enable *People to People* to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to almost 2000 families in Rockland. We will collect these foods on **Sunday, November 17**.

*People to People* has provided the following list of foods they need:

- Turkeys or supermarket gift cards
- Instant potatoes and stuffing mix
- Canned corn, string beans or sweet potatoes
- Cranberry sauce and turkey gravy
- Bisquick or cornbread mix
- Pie crust mix and filling
- Canned or bagged nuts



### Food Drive For People to People



People to People will provide turkeys and all the fixings for a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to nearly 2,000 Rockland Families this year (that's more than 4,500 people).



#### We Need Your Help!

#### Items Needed Include:

Turkeys or Supermarket Gift Cards

Instant Potatoes & Stuffing

Canned Corn, String Beans & Sweet Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce & Turkey Gravy

Bisquick or Cornbread Mixes

Pie Crust Mix & Filling

Canned & Bagged Nuts

THANK YOU!



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Phone: 845-623-4900 Email: [diane@peopletopeopleinc.org](mailto:diane@peopletopeopleinc.org)

## A Few Notes from Our Music Director



What a month for our music ! A wonderful coincidental flute player (Arlene Keiser) at a service with no choir, some great choir performances, Ol' Jim sings (only at the Pastor's request), and a super birthday party made superer by super-duper pros (from outside and INSIDE our church family). WHEW!! If you haven't heard me say it, no one loves making music with all these folks as much as I DO! (PLEASE, don't tell Al Cann that I certainly mean all the people in the choir, above all) One of the most satisfying things a person can do is to share with those he loves what he loves doing most. For me that's making great music in service to God. How amazing to be able to have those six great artists (Kei, Wendy,

Barbara, Gianna, Kathie, and Arlene} share their music with us! How many churches are so lucky? (How many churches have a music director with access to people's criminal records and can force people to play against their will!?!?)

In November, we have the spectacular Sheryl Staples (co-concertmaster of the NY Philharmonic) playing a short concert for us Sunday November 3 at 12:15pm. Later, at our "joint" service, our choir will be joining with that of the guest church in two great songs. AND we've got some tricks up our sleeves for Advent !

Best Ol' Jim



## A Note From a Visitor



I wanted to thank the members of FRC that saw me enter the church yesterday to worship. In a lifetime of traveling and relocating I have visited many churches but have never received such a warm, open and heartfelt welcome. I want to thank one and all of the wonderful people I met as you welcomed me to your community on such a busy and special day. Congratulations on 175 years of praising God and serving the community around Nyack. The Spirit of God is alive and thriving through each member I met yesterday. I am new to the area, but as I left the church late last night and walked home through the streets of Nyack I felt a complete peace and the joyful feeling of having just enjoyed dinner with family. Thank you for your warm greetings and the invitation to join in your celebrations.

Jerry McIntosh

## Sunday Readers/Coffee Hour Schedule

### Lectionary Readers Schedule

**November 3:** Al Cann

**November 10:** Caileigh Travers

**November 17:** Elise Graham

**November 24:** Available

### Coffee Hour Hosts

**November 3:** The Jennings

**November 10:** The Travers

**November 17:** Available

**November 24:** Special Coffee Hour with  
United Church of Spring Valley





## Terri's Thoughts by Terri Wanamaker

Did you know October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Since it is only October 28, I can still write about it. And since for now we, the congregation, seem to be all partied out, I thought I could just expound on my assignment for what I had to say last week at our awesome 175<sup>th</sup> celebration. I will list what I can, taken from the newsletters, Facebook and our website. So while not celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month per se, I think by listing as many of the programs that I can find that have begun since Pastor Fred came to our church, it will count as an Appreciation Party. There just won't be any dishes to wash, no food to cook, no tables to set! Yay! Here goes:

As Lent 2013 began, we also began a Lenten Bible Study led by Fred upstairs in the choir room. We had a very moving and insightful Maundy Thursday Service. We celebrated Good Friday Service with the congregation of United Church of Spring Valley; and a very beautiful Easter Sunrise Service at Memorial Park.

We began a Women's Fellowship Group and we had a delicious brunch at Carol Russell's house. Our second Bible Study led by Fred in the spring was a Study Series on the Gospel of Mark. We had a Women's Bible Study on Ephesians. In May, we welcomed three new church members: Jill, Barbara Ricketts and her daughter, Kristin. Caileigh Travers and Elise Graham were confirmed in June. We have had guest preachers. We have air conditioning in the Pitkin Room! We now have a Leader of Song, Gianna. Our Buildings and Grounds Committee have worked tirelessly on our church: the sanctuary, the Pitkin Room, the Lounge, and the Sunday School room. Getting the Manse ready for Fred and Jill to move in by August, with expert painting by the House of Prayer. Caileigh and Elise finished the Youth Room as a Silver Award Girl Scout Project. The Women's Fellowship group had a summer breakfast in July. We had a summer worship and potluck picnic at the Rensinks'. There was even a Men's Fishing trip at the Piermont Pier! The Summer Sermon Series was on Ecclesiastes. We celebrated Grandparent's Day at the Manse in September; what a treat it was to listen to Harmon, Al, and

Betty Cameron speak their thoughts on being Grandparents. We had our Homecoming Day, opening of Sunday School, and Baptism of sweet Francesca, all on the same day!! Culminating, for now, anyway, with the celebration of our church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Don't forget about the many, many events that continue to take place year after year, month after month, but have taken on a whole new level of enthusiasm since we have a new pastor. Soup Angels, Journey to Jerusalem, Egg Bopping Contest, talented professional musicians as well as our own very talented musicians who are church members, Mother's Day Celebration, Al's Famous Pancake Breakfasts, Children's Day, Father's Day celebration, and VBS. We are beginning to plan for this year's Christmas Pageant. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be dedicated on November 10. We plan to have a food drive for People to People on November 17. Service of Healing every third Sunday! A 'Spirit of Music' concert at 4pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>! A one day Thanksgiving Retreat on November 23. We will have a joint service with United Church of Spring Valley November 24. Still in the works is providing dinner for the Mental Health Clients and Staff prior to Thanksgiving. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! We are on Facebook! We belong to LinkedIn! We can tithe weekly on PayPal! We have a banner up on Main Street, as we belong to the Nyack Chamber of Commerce. We are now on Twitter! We have new cushions! New Hymn books!

Is this amazing? And our newsletter! WOW! Filled with reflections from Pastor Fred, church members, our music director, our Sunday School leader, book of the month, instructional articles on the Heidelberg Catechism, an Adult Spirituality section, Soup Angels updates, Buildings and Grounds updates...I could go on and on, but already this article is pretty long. So there is my way of appreciating our Pastor!

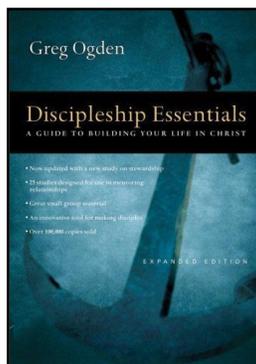
*"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



## Discipleship Groups

Connect with Others!



### **Sunday Morning Group**

Sundays at 9:00am

Meets in the Lounge

Margie Jennings, Co-Group Leader

845-548-0593    mrsjennings22@gmail.com

Alan Cann, Co-Group Leader

845-641-6788    abc351@verizon.net

### **Women's Wednesday Morning Group**

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meets at David's Bagels (2 Lake Road East, Valley Cottage, NY)

Cindy Graham, Group Leader

845-729-7211    cmg313@verizon.net

For more information on the Discipleship Essentials: <http://www.ivpress.com/videos/1087.php>

## **Pipe Organs of Orangetown & Clarkstown**



Saturday, November 16, 2013 (8:45 am – 2:00pm)

The Historical Society of Rockland County is sponsoring a tour entitled "Pipe Organs of Orangetown & Clarkstown." This will include a visit to the pipe organ of First Reformed Church. The group will travel to the sites of several of Orangetown's and Clarkstown's most historic and best-known pipe organs.

For more information: <http://www.rocklandhistory.org/event.cfm?page=318>



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### **What are some good uses of social media that could be helpful to my church?**

Engaging people in spiritual conversation takes on a whole different level when done through social media. More than one billion people worldwide are on Facebook. The sheer mass of it makes it a valuable tool for the local church to help build community by sharing information, inspiration, and teaching on a daily basis. It's also a great tool to reach those who are not already a part of your community. If you can post things that people will "like" and "share," and even have them "check in" when on the church campus, it allows you to reach into their given networks.

You can nurture your community by extending the message throughout the week with thought-provoking questions that start discussions around a specific Scripture passage or topic. You can provide links to dig deeper and read more and illustrate ways to apply each Sunday's teaching to their lives. You can use social media to maintain connections by posting message videos and linking to study materials.

Another use for a faith community is to reach out to the unchurched through activities. Set up a "group" for a men's outdoor group that includes a weekly activity and time for community and sharing. You may just find a group of people that would otherwise not become engaged in your traditional church service.

The most important thing to remember is that social media is just a tool. Real discipleship takes place when you commit to doing life together, not just "commenting" on each other's lives!

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For more about the Reformed Church in America: <https://www.rca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=9631>

### **LOOKING TO SUPPORT A CHURCH MINISTRY?**



Help us to help others. Support First Reformed Church through service, prayer, and/or giving. The church website is now set up for members and friends to make online donations through PayPal.

<http://www.nyackreformed.org/giving.html>



## A Summer in China

By Erica Wanamaker



This past summer I traveled to China with my boyfriend, Liu Xiduo. Xiduo is from Xi'an, China, and the majority of his family, including his parents, continue to live there now. Xi'an is home to many interesting, historical places. The places I had the privilege to see were the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, the

Terra Cotta Warriors, the Bell Tower, and Huaqing Hot Springs. There were also a lot of really good (and sometimes exotic) cuisine around where Xiduo lives with his mother and father on the outskirts of the urban part of Xi'an. The city itself was another experience, with parks swarming with cute little Chinese children and maniac drivers crowding the roads. Xiduo's parents also own a very nice house near the

Qin mountain range. It was a very nice place to go to escape the city, and to have gatherings with the rest of his very kind and lively family.



I also traveled to Cheng' du, Sichuan Province and Beijing while in China. Cheng' du was where I was able to see live pandas, and

walk a canyon with really nice waterfalls. We also had the opportunity to ascend to the summit of Mount E'mei, which is about 10,000 feet high, and has a beautiful Buddha temple and statue at the summit. We also traveled to Beijing, the capital city of China, where some of Xiduo's family happens to live, and where the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City are located.



Aside from those really interesting experiences, I also go to spend some time with Xiduo's family and see and experience myself the Chinese culture and how Chinese people live. Though I wouldn't adopt some of these aspects into my own life, I think they were really interesting and emphasized the fact that there are cultures very different than our own that are associated with a very rich and successful civilization.

## The Treasurer's Update

Our new hymnals have arrived and we have been enjoying worshipping with them in October! If you would like make a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, the FRC would be pleased to attach a bookplate in the front with those details. It's easy. You send the details and include \$50 to Sarah in the church office and she'll take care of it. In turn you'll be notified when the bookplate has been placed and we can make an announcement at service and/or we can also put that information in the newsletter.

It's a timeless gift!

Of course if you have any questions – please let me know.

Wishing you God's best for you,

Kevin Graham

FRC Treasurer

Lift Up Your Hearts

PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

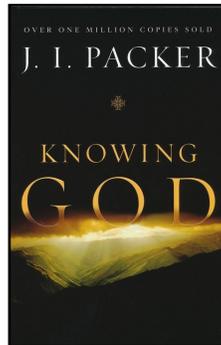




## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### *Knowing God*

J. I. Packer



A lifelong pursuit of knowing God should embody the Christian's existence. According to eminent theologian J.I. Packer, however, Christians have become enchanted by modern skepticism and have joined the “gigantic conspiracy of misdirection” by failing to put first things first. *Knowing God* aims to redirect our attention to the simple, deep truth that to know God is to love His Word. *Knowing God* has become a contemporary classic by creating “small studies out of great subjects.” Each chapter is so specific in focus, that each succeeding chapter's theology seems to rival the next, until one's mind is so expanded that one's entire view of God has changed.

For more information:

[http://www.amazon.com/reader/083081650X/ref=rdr\\_sb\\_li\\_hist\\_1&state=01111](http://www.amazon.com/reader/083081650X/ref=rdr_sb_li_hist_1&state=01111)

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



<http://www.textweek.com>

This popular site for preachers and Christian educators features a wide variety of resources for study and liturgy based on the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle. It includes a diverse variety of resources for scripture study, reflection and liturgy. The purpose of this website is to provide links to resources for study, reflection and liturgy which correspond to the RCL readings you may be using for study, teaching & preaching.



## ~ NOVEMBER CONCERT ~

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00pm to 5:15pm ~ Reception to follow

### Spirit in Music



Jeremy Wall, founding member of *Spyro Gyra* and Music Director of The Tappan Reformed Church, leads an afternoon of rich and reflective music based on spiritual themes and original works. Our own Music Director, Jim Rensink, will also perform, along with a special guest singer, in what will be a musical event not to be missed.

**Free Admission.**

## ~ BRASS ENSEMBLE WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30am ~ Coffee Hour to follow

### Christmas Brass Worship Service



We usher in the Advent/Christmas season by filling the sanctuary with the glorious sounds of the brass ensemble. Music Director Jim Rensink will coordinate the beautiful musical setting for this invigorating worship service.



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Sunday, November 10



### Church Family food drive collection for People to People

Sunday, November 17



### Join us for a One-Day Thanksgiving Retreat

Saturday, November 23, 10am-2pm at the Manse



This will be an informal and meaningful time of fellowship and reflection as we prepare our hearts to enter the Advent/Christmas season. Casual clothes and a Bible are required. 😊



## **The First Reformed Church of Nyack**

*Welcomes*

## **The United Church of Spring Valley**

*In a Joint Service Celebration at First Reformed Church*

November 24, 2013

10:30 a.m.



### **Theme**

**Christ the Servant King**

### **Sermons**

Pastor Fred Arzola will preach on Colossians 1:11-20

Pastor Rob Williams will preach on Psalm 46

### **Coffee Hour**

First Reformed Church will provide delicious coffee, tea & juice

United Church will provide delicious pies



## UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

### 89th Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15, 5pm



Rehearsal: Saturday, December 7, 9:30-11:30am

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 14, 2pm-4:30pm

### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 7pm





## THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Composed in Heidelberg, Germany this simple, yet rich confessional document is used to teach about the Christian faith. Deeply informed by the Holy Scriptures, it is regarded as one of the most influential catechisms to come out of the Reformation. [www.heidelberg-catechism.com](http://www.heidelberg-catechism.com)

#### 20. Q. Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits. Mt 7:14;  
Jn 1:12; 3:16, 18, 36; Rom 11:16-21.

#### 21. Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel. Jn 17:3, 17; Heb 11:1-3; Jas 2:19. Rom 4:18-21; 5:1; 10:10;  
Heb 4:16. Gal 2:20. Rom 1:17; Heb 10:10. Rom 3:20-26; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8-10. Acts 16:14; Rom 1:16; 10:17;  
I Cor 1:21.

#### 22. Q. What, then, must a Christian believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary. Mt 28:19; Jn 20:30, 31.

#### 23. Q. What are these articles?

- A. 1. I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
3. he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
4. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.
5. On the third day he arose from the dead;
6. he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
7. from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit;
9. I believe a holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints;
10. the forgiveness of sins;
11. the resurrection of the body;
12. and the life everlasting.



## Nyack's Hometown Church

### First Reformed Church of Nyack

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Bruce Biavati

Alan Cann

Chuck Travers (Vice President)

**Deacons**

Kevin Graham

Katherine Rife

Skip Russell

Paul Wanamaker

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events: Don't Miss Out!

**Sunday, November 3, 10:30am:** Communion Sunday. We will also collect cereal boxes to contribute to the Nyack Center's breakfast program.

**Wednesday, November 6, 10am:** Women's Wednesday morning small group. Meet at David's Bagels in Valley Cottage.

**Sunday, November 10, 9am:** Sunday morning small group. Meet in the church lounge.

**Sunday, November 10, 10:30am:** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due. We will dedicate them in the worship service.

**Wednesday, November 13, 10am:** Women's Wednesday morning small group. Meet at David's Bagels in Valley Cottage.

**Saturday, November 16, 8:45a-2pm:** Rockland Co. Historical Society Pipe Organs of Orangetown & Clarkstown Tour.

**Sunday, November 17, 10:30am:** We incorporate a healing service component into our worship for any who desire prayer, laying of hands, and anointing with oil.

**Sunday, November 17:** People to People food drive. Bring your nonperishable food items to donate for Thanksgiving.

**Saturday, November 23, 10am-2pm:** 1-Day Thanksgiving Retreat at the Manse.

**Sunday, November 24, 10:30am:** Joint worship service with United Church of Spring Valley with a special coffee hour following the service.

#### November Birthdays



**November 4:** Margie Jennings

**November 12:** Gianna Alessi

**November 30:** Paul Wanamaker

#### November Anniversaries

**November 26:** Harmon & Bonnie Williams celebrate 47 years!

