



HITCHCOCK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We come to be in the presence of God,
so that we can be the presence of God in the world around us.



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME!

KAIROS

“Greek term for ‘time’ denoting a special, significantly critical point in human history when God’s will and purposes are carried out, particularly in the coming of Jesus Christ.”

-Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms

Culturally, we have lots of clichés about time:

Time is relative. Time is money. Time waits for no one.

Theologically, the most important assertion related to time is this:

God’s time is not our time.

In other words, we do not know the hour or the day when Jesus will return. But, more generally, we do not have the capacity to understand the nature of time in relationship to the “One who is, was, and evermore shall be.” We do believe, with the writer of Ecclesiastes, that “There is a time and place for every matter under heaven.” And, Jesus himself often spoke about time to the disciples. So, it’s not that time is insignificant, it’s simply that we aren’t smart enough to understand it.

That being said, there are certain times that *feel* Kairos in nature. Pulling from the definition above, this Fall seems to be “a special, significantly critical point.” I know many of you have the election in mind as you read this, but it’s not just that. This moment feels significant for the Body of Christ Universally and for the Body of Christ here at Hitchcock.

Being a part of this community isn’t about any one program or event, or even one mission or musical opportunity. Rather, it’s about intentionally seeking to experience God’s time through the Beloved Community, even if we don’t always understand what we are experiencing.

That’s my prayer for us this Fall: That we will experience a collection of fun, meaningful, purpose-filled, Kairos moments. The Spirit will lead us. Our job is to show up.

Let’s go! Pete



Sundays at Hitchcock

Program Year begins September 8, 2024 - Worship returns to 10:30am



HITCHCOCK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RALLY DAY

Worship at 10:30
BBQ Potluck at 11:30

Last Name A-J- Bring a Dessert to Share
Last Name K-Z-Bring a Side to Share

Hospitality Committee will provide Burgers,
Hot Dogs, Toppings, Green Salad, & Drinks

Wear an outfit you love...
we are taking new directory photos!

BBQ, MUSIC & GAMES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
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Children's Ministry

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Come and join us for a Back-To-School Blessing and the kick-off of our 24/25 Sunday School Program! Child Care will be provided throughout Worship.

RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH

Usher Training—Sunday, September 22nd

Being an Usher is one of the most rewarding ways to volunteer at Hitchcock, giving you an opportunity to assist in worship, get to know other volunteers, and greet the people who attend here on Sundays. Interested in learning more?

Come and join Pete in an informal training session in the sanctuary immediately following worship on September 22nd. This training will take less than 30 minutes but will give you a better idea of what is involved in ushering.



All Saints' Sunday—Sunday, November 3rd

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

-- Hebrews 12: 1-2a

During worship on **November 3rd**, we will use as much time as it takes to recognize the cloud of witnesses, the saints, who have gone before us in this life. In order to do this, however, we need your help. We need names. Of course, we will honor those members of this church who have passed in the last year in a special way, but we also want to recognize the saints of your life; whether they were a part of this church or not, whether they passed this year or many, many years ago. If their names are important to you, then they are important to us as well, and all the names will be read aloud during worship.

If you would like to submit a list of names, e-mail them to Giselle in the office at HitchcockPresby@msn.com by October 28th. Please write “All Saints’ Sunday” in the subject line. No description of their relationship to you is needed, just their names given in love.





WEDNESDAYS AT HITCHCOCK RETURN

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11th!

Wednesdays at Hitchcock is for **EVERYONE!**



Wednesdays at Hitchcock runs from September to June, focusing on youth and family-centered events. Various choirs practice in the afternoon, followed by our Youth Group program, which offers fun activities and events for Middle Schoolers and Senior Highs.

Dinner is served in the Lower Children's House anytime from 5:15 to 6:15 pm –The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family, but the fellowship is priceless!

Don't want to worry about having to remember to bring cash or to Venmo each week? Pay up front for the fall (at a discount): \$100 per person or \$300 per family (Where else could you feed your entire family 13 times for \$300?!).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW
Children's Choirs
WEDNESDAYS



BEGINNING SEPT 11TH

CHERUB Choir (3&4 year olds)-4:20-4:40
PRIMARY Choir (K-2nd)-4:00-4:30
JUNIOR Choir (3rd-5th)-4:30-5:15
YOUTH Choir (6th-9th)-5:15-5:45





SOMETHING NEW ON WEDNESDAYS?!

INTRODUCING KAIROS

Our Wednesday evening programming continues to evolve as the busiest night of the week at Hitchcock! It started as just a kids' choir night, but now involves a home-cooked meal, middle school and senior high youth groups, and other special gatherings.

Our Kerygma Class (Adult Bible Study) chose to move to the day time, so we have found ourselves with an opening for Adult Education on Wednesday evenings: Introducing Kairos (For an introduction to the Greek term, read Pete's opening letter in this Newsletter).

This is not an every Wednesday gathering, but rather special opportunities for adults to gather, learn from experts (who also happen to be fellow congregants), and have a discussion about timely issues. The lay leaders and topics for the specific gatherings will be revealed soon, but here is one example:

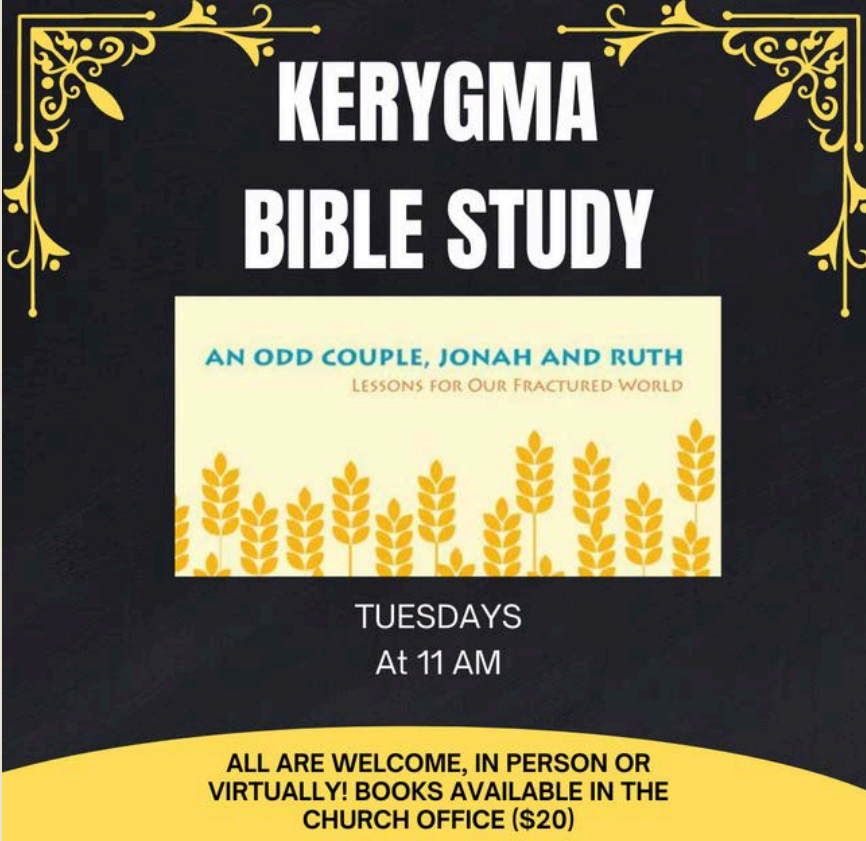
Our very own Dr. RyaLynn Carter (OB/GYN) has agreed to lead a discussion on Reproductive Rights this fall (Date T.B.A.). Should be very informative and certainly timely!

Kairos is open to all Hitchcock adults and friends! Mark your calendars for 6pm-7pm on September 25, October 16, and November 20. And, remember, dinner is also available before the group starts!

Adult Education

Hitchcock's Kerygma Program is an enriching adult education initiative held annually from September to June. Each Tuesday at 11 AM, participants gather physically in the Clark Room and virtually on Zoom to engage in lively discussions and delve into a range of books and themes.

Whether you want to actively participate or simply absorb the discussions, this program is open to all! For more details about the upcoming session, feel free to email hitchcockpresby@msn.com with any questions.



**KERYGMA
BIBLE STUDY**

AN ODD COUPLE, JONAH AND RUTH
LESSONS FOR OUR FRACTURED WORLD

TUESDAYS
At 11 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME, IN PERSON OR
VIRTUALLY! BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE (\$20)

Hitchcock Podcast

Did you know that you can take Hitchcock with you wherever you go?!? Every week, we post the sermon from Sunday so that you can listen to the docile tones of Pete, Katherine, and Bill over and over again! You can also use these podcasts to share meaningful sermons with friends via email, text, or social media.



**HITCHCOCK HANDBELL
CHOIR NEEDS YOU!**

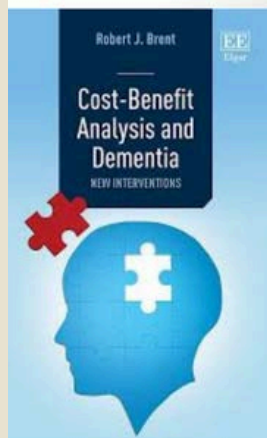
COME TRY US OUT FOR A
FUN 15 MIN SESSION TO SEE IF
YOU LIKE IT!

NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Meet in the Clark Room on
Sunday, Sept 22nd after Coffee Hour at 11:45
OR
Wednesday, Sept 25th at 5:45
before the Kairos Presentation

COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF DEMENTIA: NEW INTERVENTIONS

Tuesday, October 1, 11am-Noon,
The Clark Room



Robert J. Brent is Professor of Economics at Fordham University in New York specializing in Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA). He has lived and worked at Universities in the US, UK and Africa. In 2011, he was a participant of the Copenhagen Consensus Project on HIV/AIDS and was commissioned to write the Guidelines for CBAs of social projects at the Inter-American Development Bank. He has written six textbooks on CBA and published articles on every area of CBA, covering applications in both developed and developing countries. Recently, he has concentrated on evaluating dementia interventions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We are excited to kick off our 2024-2025 program year on Rally Day, September 8th. Our traditional Back-To-School blessing will be during our Rally Day Worship service, when all kids are invited to come and receive a blessing for the new school year! We provide our HPC children a community of grace, love and compassion for ALL through the love of Jesus! Through collaboration with the many opportunities at HPC, we not only teach the love of Christ but also encourage our HPC kids to share the love of Christ through action, time and participation in our church and community.

CHAPEL

On the 1st Sunday of the month, K-3rd grades are invited for a short Chapel lesson following the Time with Children in Worship. Grades 4th/5th are welcome to attend as mentors for our younger grades or remain in Worship as part of their faith formation journey. All children will return to Worship for Communion.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

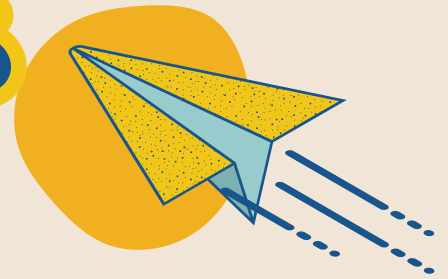
On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month: K-5th grades are invited to attend Sunday School following the Time with Children in Worship. These classes are designed for them! We use the "WHIRL" curriculum and meet in age-appropriate clusters when possible (K-2nd, 3rd-5th) to share a lesson that is rooted in a theme of the day and provide ways of living out our faith in the world around us. All while showing our kids that a life in the church is a great place to meet friends, explore the Bible, and grow in their faith together.

CHILD CARE

Child Care is available every Sunday during worship. Our Child Care Providers provide a safe and welcoming space for all children that are 6 months to 4 years old (including all preschool). If your child is turning 5 in the current school year, please feel free to reach out to Carol Lavis to discuss when your child might be ready to move into our Sunday School program.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONT.



FALL ACTIVITIES:

September 1 - Chapel (K-3rd) & Child Care Resumes

September 8 - Back-To-School Blessing, Sunday School (K-5th) & Youth Forum Sunday Series (6th-8th) Begins

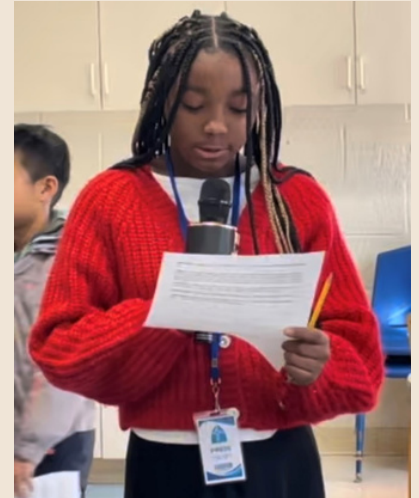
October 20 - Children's Sabbath

November 8 - HPC Family Movie Night

December 1-22 - Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

December 18 - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in Sanctuary (Wednesday)

December 24 - Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal & Pageant



We are looking for... **you**

Be part of something extraordinary!
Become a **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

We are looking for **Sunday School Teachers** (K-5th Grades) and **Youth Forum Sunday Series Teachers** (6th-8th Grades)

Lesson plans are sent to you in advance of class and supplies are prepared and ready in your classroom. Commitment is flexible and teacher schedules are based on your availability.

Contact Carol Lavis at hpcrollavis@gmail.com to learn more and join!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FORUM SUNDAY SERIES TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry and Youth Forum Sunday Series programs are only possible through the dedication and support of YOU! Lesson Plans are sent in advance and supplies are prepared and ready in the classroom. Commitment is flexible and teacher schedules are based on your availability. Please contact Carol Lavis to learn more and be part of this amazing group.

2024-2025 Youth Forum

(GRADES 6-8)

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-7PM, YOUTH FORUM ROOM

Youth Forum was so much fun last year and we can't wait to have even more fun this year! Highlights included:

- **Helping with Midnight Run and other service projects.**
- **Playing lots of silly youth group games.**
- **Attending a youth mental health workshop.**
- **Learning about the Bible and theology in fun ways.**
- **Having a super fun overnight at church.**
- **Eating plenty of snacks!**



Do you have a young person entering 6th-8th grade? We would love to have them join us on Wednesday evenings for games, learning, community, and service!

YOUTH FORUM SUNDAY SERIES

Throughout the year we invite our 6th-8th graders to attend focused lessons that are offered in a series format. This Fall we will be using an Illustrated Ministry curriculum called "Tell Me About the Bible: Extraordinary Leaders". This curriculum teaches youth about the Bible through a progressive lens and worldview that examines different aspects of the Bible while encouraging them to wonder together, ask questions and make connections to life today. These classes are held during Worship (following the Time with Children). Our Fall series will gather on September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and October 27th



Got questions? Talk to Katherine or Carol.

2024-2025 Senior Highs

(GRADES 9-12)

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-7PM, 7TH HEAVEN

Senior Highs Youth Group continues to be one of the highlights of the week at Hitchcock! These smart, funny, and capable young adults challenge the leadership and each other each and every week. And, there's candy. This year, we kick things off on September 11th and plan on lots of fun activities:

- **Helping with Midnight Run and other service projects.**
- **Playing lots of silly youth group games.**
- **Getting out of the church for fun trips.**
- **Learning about the Bible and theology in fun ways.**
- **Discussing current events that affect us all.**

Do you have a young person entering 9th-12th grade? We would love to have them join us on Wednesday evenings for games, learning, community, and service!



Got questions? Talk to Pete.

2024 Senior Highs Trip



Pete and Katherine took a group of 7 youth to western Pennsylvania and Lexington, KY this past July.

Part of this “mission trip” was to serve with soup kitchens, shelters, and other organizations doing God’s work of mercy and empowerment in their communities. But we also learned about the history of the areas we visited and the root causes of poverty and injustice that make it so hard for people to live “life abundantly” in the places we visited.

Oh, and we also had a lot of fun getting to know one another better sung through the entire Hamilton soundtrack (twice). Stay tuned for a full report from the youth themselves!



2025 Senior Highs Trip

Vamos a El Salvador!



Dates: June 28th-July 5th, 2025
Cost: Approximately \$900-\$1000/student
Who: Hitchcock High School youth
Deadline to sign up: 2/1/2025

After a very successful senior highs trip to PA and KY this summer, the youth tell us that they want to travel even farther afield to the country where your associate pastor had her first call: El Salvador!

We recognize that it has been many years since Hitchcock youth have traveled abroad, and both parents and members of the congregation will have questions about safety, purpose, logistics, costs, and fundraising.

To that end, we will have an informational meeting for parents/guardians who have interested youth **on October 9th from 6-7pm (during youth groups) in the Clark Room**. We are also happy to welcome parents to join us as chaperones.

Questions? Concerns? Want to learn more?
Pastor Katherine is happy to talk.



Children's and Youth Ministries Upcoming Events

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YOUTH FORUM SUNDAY SERIES

FALL 2024
6th-8th Grades

September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
October 27th

Explore your faith, ask questions and make connections to the world around you.
All classes will be during Worship after the Time with Children.

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PARENT & CAREGIVER INFORMATION GATHERING

Sunday, September 29th
Following Worship (Clark Room)

- CHILD CARE
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (K-5TH)
- YOUTH FORUM (6TH-8TH)
- SENIOR HIGHS (9TH-12TH)
- TEACHING TEAMS




CHILDREN'S SABBATH

OCTOBER 20TH

A meaningful service when our children lead us in Worship through music, readings and prayer.

If you have kids in grades K-5th and will be here, let Carol Lavis know at hpccarollavis@gmail.com and an appropriate role will be provided for them.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 8TH



Dinner: 5:30-6:30PM
Pizza, Popcorn, Cookies
Movie to start shortly after 6:00PM (sundown)

More details including RSVP information closer to date.



MUSIC MINISTRY



“Be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.” – Ephesians 5:19

At Hitchcock there is a musical opportunity for people of ALL ages and abilities to make a melody to the Lord in their hearts. Our music ministries include choral and instrumental opportunities for those aged 3 through adults. Music is at the heart of a worship experience that, together with the Word, provides a genuine opportunity to encounter the holy. We strive to offer a rich, relevant program that engages the congregation in worship and creates opportunities to share the wealth of musical talent in our community. We welcome all children, youth and adults to participate in one of our many choirs and celebrate God’s gift of music throughout the year. Come be a part of this dynamic program through a variety of ensembles that rehearse weekly–The Adult Chancel Choir, Children’s and Youth Choirs, Handbell Choir and occasional Instrumental Ensembles.

If you would like to participate or volunteer in any capacity, please contact Dr. John T. King, Minister of Music in the church office by phone (914)723-3311 or via email (Jking@hitchcockpresby.org). All ensembles meet from September to the end of May but can be joined at any point in the year. Please check below for details and start-up dates.



3 and 4 year olds	CHERUB CHOIR	Wednesdays	4:20-4:40 pm
K-2nd grades	PRIMARY CHOIR	Wednesdays	4:00-4:30 pm
3rd-5th grades	JUNIOR CHOIR	Wednesdays	4:30-5:15 pm
6th-9th grades	YOUTH CHOIR	Wednesdays	5:15-5:45 pm
Adults	HANDBELL CHOIR	Thursdays	12:30-1:15 pm
Adults	CHANCEL CHOIR	Sundays	12:00-1:30 pm



JOIN NCS FOR THEIR 2024-2025 SEASON



NEW CHORAL SOCIETY

2024-2025

W.A. Mozart

Solemn Vespers, K. 339

J.S. Bach

Magnificat, BWV 243

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 4 PM

G.F. Händel

Messiah, Part 1

Friday, December 6, 2024 at 8 PM

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 3 PM

An Evening of Chamber Music

featuring the

New Choral Society Orchestra

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 8 PM

G.F. Händel

Israel in Egypt

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 4 PM

Dr. John T. King

Artistic Director and Conductor

It is the New Choral Society's mission to promote a greater interest in classical choral works within the immediate Westchester area. We strive to program a standard classical repertoire, as well as include innovative and unique offerings. We collaborate with professional artistic organizations, such as The Metropolitan Opera Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, to showcase new talent in addition to introducing and promoting local Westchester artists.

All Events take place at Hitchcock!

**Visit <https://www.newchoralsociety.org>
to purchase tickets!**





ADVENT SCHEDULE

ADVENT MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN ETERNITY FROM NOW, BUT IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent & Communion

December 6 - MESSIAH—New Choral Society Concert (8:00 PM)

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
MESSIAH—New Choral Society Concert (3:00 PM)

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent & Advent Choral Service (10:30 AM)
Community Carol Sing, Tree Lighting & Christmas Party (4:00 PM)

December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services & Christmas Pageant (5:30 & 8:30 PM)

Advent Choral Service



Rutter's *GLORIA*

Chancel Choir, Organ and Brass
Sunday, December 15
Worship at 10:30 AM

19th Annual Community
Carol Sing Along

December 15, 2024, 4-5 PM

All are welcome to join us for this
informal sing-along for the entire
family.

Immediately followed at 5 PM by
Hitchcock's Annual Christmas Party



Membership

Hitchcock Church is a congregation of faith made up individuals who come from many different cultures and church traditions. Others come with no church or religious background at all.

Wherever you are from, whatever your faith background is, you are welcome at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church!

Want to learn more about our congregation?

Curious about the Presbyterian tradition?

Wondering what it means to be a church member?

Please join us for our upcoming Inquirers' Classes!

Mondays 9/16, 9/30, and 10/7

6-7pm via Zoom

If you have any questions about our church or church membership, please reach out to Rev. Katherine Pater or anyone on the Membership Committee!

In joy and excitement,
Rev. Katherine Pater, Steve Taylor,
and Peggy Beretta
The Hitchcock Membership Committee

World Communion Sunday

October 6th, 2024



Please join us as we celebrate World Communion Sunday with a **special time of worship** and **opportunities for service and creativity** during coffee hour.

Dress your best for our ALL CHURCH PHOTO!

Inquirers' Class

New to Hitchcock?

Questions about the Presbyterian tradition?

Curious what church membership is about?

Join our Inquirers' Class!

Mondays 9/16, 9/30, and 10/7

6-7pm via Zoom

Questions? Want to attend?

Email Rev. Katherine Pater

kpater@hitchcockpresby.org

OUTREACH & JUSTICE

At Hitchcock, we seek to provide opportunities for both individuals and families to learn about our theology of doing justice, educate ourselves about problems affecting our community and world, and to participate in building the kingdom of God through acts of compassion and solidarity. We also continue to support partners doing this work both financially and through direct material support.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO LEARN AND TO PARTICIPATE?

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

As Christians, we are commanded to welcome the stranger and the newcomer among us. Please look for opportunities in Hitchcock Happenings and on social media to help both asylum seekers and refugees as they build a new life here. We may be partnering with another family from Afghanistan or South/Central America this fall; stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved!

MIDNIGHT RUN

Help collect supplies for our Midnight Run program or join us for a run to offer direct aid in the form of clothing, food, toiletries, and radical hospitality to unhoused folks in NYC. Contact Rudyard Whyte to learn more (whyte@cochranfirmny.com).

TOY COLLECTION

Support our partner organizations as they collect toys and gifts for local families this Christmas.

PROPOSITION 1

Presbyterians have long been supporters of human rights and individual conscience based on our theological understanding that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God. This year, we have a unique opportunity to support the passage of Proposition 1, also known as the NY Equal Rights Amendment, which would protect New Yorkers from discrimination based on gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes. This non-partisan ballot measure will appear on the November 2024 ballot, and it needs the support of New Yorkers of faith to pass. Want to write postcards? Make phone calls? Knock on doors? Talk to Katherine!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Presbyterian Women group continues to be a hub for mission and outreach, collecting food, coats, and other supplies for families in our community, as well as raising money for causes that help women and children around the world through the profits from their Thrift Shop. Want to help? Reach out to Liz Perrone! (sanoop@aol.com)

Please sign up for and read Hitchcock Happenings every week. Hitchcock has always felt a deep call to help communities (both locally and globally) respond to humanitarian crises and natural disasters, so please stay tuned as we seek ways to respond to these events as they arise.

Email hitchcockpresby@msn.com to sign up!

Refugee Partners Update



The Abedi family, who we worked with from 2023-2024, is now financially independent. **Rashid is still working full-time at the U.N., and Tahmina was recently offered a full-time position at White Plains Hospital in their call center!** Veeda, Dunya, and Sadaf are also doing well. Veeda and Dunya finished their first year in school here in the USA, and Sadaf has adjusted well to daycare.



The Rahimi family, who we helped resettle from 2022-2023, is also doing great! Sana, Sameera, and Daniel moved to Jersey City last year, and both have great jobs working in the financial sector. And their family has grown! **On 6/21, they welcomed a daughter to the world named Arya!** Everyone is healthy and doing well.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Board of Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock is looking forward to another successful year of Mission, Outreach and Fellowship! We were fighting strong this year and **I'm proud to say we were able to give away \$49,000.00 to organizations that support women, children and families both here and abroad.** The Thrift Shop has been reinventing itself and gradually becoming a source of sustainable shopping and community outreach as well as reducing our carbon footprint by reducing waste. It is all about People, Planet and Profits. Our wonderful staff of volunteers has grown to include special needs students enrolled in Pleasantville School District's F.A.S.T. program and SUNY WCC Fashion Department student interns! These remarkable young people are learning skills that will last them a lifetime as they move forward. All of this hard work creates the profits we need to pursue our Mission. Please read Tracey Tsai's exciting article about the NEW THRIFT Shop! And thank you to all who donate because you are doing so much good in a very complicated world.

This year we began a new PW tradition at Hitchcock! We are enormously proud of our young people and wanted to recognize them for their faith and hard work and to let them know that they're always in our prayers. We gifted book marks to the Fifth Grade Bible recipients, wooden hand crosses to the Confirmands and stadium blankets to the High School Grads. We wish them all safe travels as they move on.

On October 20th we are hosting a lunch event and inviting three of our grant recipients to come and speak to the congregation about their work. Please join us and learn more about the work that they do and why we support them. Watch the Happenings for more details. The Book Group continues to meet via Zoom. Contact Lee Maiden if you would like to be a part of that very lively and interesting conversation. We are working on creating more opportunities for the women of Hitchcock and their friends to learn and grow and, most importantly, to know one another better. As we learn together we become a united entity that becomes a force for great things in our community and beyond. This is why we are here!

All the women members of Hitchcock are automatically members of Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock Church. The PW Board welcomes you invites you to suggest activities or events that are of interest to you. This is your organization. Go to the Presbyterian Women page on the church website to see who is on the Board and learn more. Let any of us on the Board know how you would like to be involved. We look forward to hearing from you!

Liz Perrone, Moderator
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Sanoop@aol.com





PW THRIFT SHOP

A 100-YEAR-OLD STORY... AND COUNTING



The Beginning

During the Great Depression of the 1920s, the women of the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church and the Scarsdale Woman's Club collectively and individually realized with great concern that there was a growing need for struggling families in the surrounding areas to acquire clothing at a reasonable price.

So the women did something about it to improve their neighbors' plight. Together, they opened a collaborative thrift shop in White Plains. It served a two-fold purpose then (and still does): (1) The shop allowed the less fortunate people to purchase quality clothing at very low prices and (2) Gave the donors the opportunity to declutter their closets and happily receive a tax credit.

In the 1970s, that original thrift shop gave birth to a place that still exists right here at Hitchcock. Open on a mostly regular weekly basis, the PW Hitchcock Thrift Shop continues fully operational today as a vibrant and vital location for customers to come together to meet, socialize, and shop on most Mondays from 10:00 am to-12:30 pm.

It also provides Hitchcock church members and nearby friends who are volunteering in the shop to keep it running the chance to give back to society and to do so with a smile on their faces while voicing a big thank you to the buyers.



ADVICE TO THE BUYERS: DON'T MISS THE BARGAINS; MOST ARE LIKE BRAND NEW!



Down Memory Lane

Long-time Hitchcock Member Joanna Tsuyuki, retired cashier, PW treasurer & board member, often recounts the reasons that Thrift has been so meaningful for her for many years. Tsuyuki recalls, “When I was working as the cashier, I remember a young man needing professional attire for a job interview. He bought a whole outfit, shirt, suit, tie and shoes and ended up paying only \$35.” She remembers thinking as he was checking out that “This is the reason I am here!”

Where Does it all Come From?

Church and community members donate clothing, household goods and jewelry. . . and receive that aforementioned tax receipt.

Shopping with Dignity

Customers shop without judgment and buy for themselves or send clothing, jewelry or household items back to families and friends in their native countries. In 2024, just as in the 1920s, everyone can come to shop with dignity and a great sense of security knowing that they are buying quality goods at a very reasonable price.

Shopping with a Purpose

The church and community volunteers at the shop are extremely proud that there are quality brands of clothing and household items for sale. However, the main purpose has become so much more. The PW Thrift Shop is a space where church members and the community come together to contribute towards a triple bottom line (people, planet and profits) and, in a tangible way, becoming a part of the larger and overall Mission and Outreach of Hitchcock Church.



Triple Bottom Line

The PW Thrift Shop embodies the idea of the "triple bottom line" with the goal of balancing social, environmental, and economic impacts:

- **People & Community Investment:**
 - **Thrift is a place where the community can come together** and find treasures for the whole family.
 - **Thrift is a place where volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and religious beliefs unite** to receive, sort, and price clothing and household goods.
 - **Thrift is a place that collaborates to help special needs students gain skills and meaningful work:** We initiated collaboration with F.A.S.T. (Functional Achievement Skills Training) from the Pleasantville School District nearly two years ago. This program offers skills training for special needs students aged 18-to-21. Students travel by train each week to assist at the thrift shop and to participate in meaningful work opportunities.
 - In June, seven of our students graduated and are now ready to embark on the next chapter of their lives.
 - **Thrift has formed a collaboration with the SUNY WCC Fashion Department.** Students complete internships every semester that contribute to their associate degrees in fashion.
 - **Thrift provides meaningful opportunities for volunteers:** Last year, a thrift volunteer began working with the FAST students. She discovered that she enjoyed the work and now works as special ed aide in a local school district. Additionally, another volunteer this spring met some of our fashion interns and is now enrolled in the SUNY WCC Fashion Program for the fall.
- Planet:
 - **Reduce the carbon footprint** of the planet by preventing thousands of pounds of clothing and household items going to landfills or even worse causing landfills in developing countries.
 - **Promotes Sustainable Clothing:** The fashion industry is one of the largest polluters globally. Thrifting encourages sustainable fashion practices by reducing the demand for fast fashion and promoting the reuse of clothing. Prevents the harmful effects of fashion production. Prof. Juanita Alcena, FIT Professor, says that "if we never produced another piece of clothing we would have enough for the rest of our lives.
 - **Migrant Shopping Day:** we have hosted several successful migrant shopping mornings that served many grateful and happy families with their clothing needs.
 - **Midnight Run:** Hitchcock Church Midnight Run was the recipient of the Saturday Spring Sale that raised more than \$6,000. Thrift regularly stocks the closet with clothing from the thrift shop which contributes to the triple bottom line of thrift and Midnight Run: about 80% of items that fill the closet come from the thrift shop from T shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, warm coats, pillows, blankets, reusable water bottles and more.
- Profits
 - All proceeds enable the PW of Hitchcock Board to provide grants to local and international nonprofits that support women and children locally and around the world.
 - Proceeds also enable PW to partner with the Mission Committee to strengthen and assist Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in its Mission to support causes that make an impact in our community.



-Tracey Tsai

MIDNIGHT RUN

The Hitchcock Midnight Run has been participating for over 30 years. Midnight Run is a non-profit, that is run out of an office in Dobby's Ferry by its executive director Dale Williams.

Midnight Run celebrates its 40th anniversary gala at Hitchcock Church this fall on October 19, 2024. All Hitchcock members and friends are welcome to come. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Hitchcock Church continues to gather once a month to offer friendship, food, clothing, and toiletries to approximately 1,200 of New York City's homeless population and working poor annually.

This vital ministry has been continually occurring every month not even during the Pandemic has Hitchcock missed a night in 30 years. Volunteers from Hitchcock and the community come together to donate many of the items needed each and every month.

If you, your family, and friends would like to experience New York City in a very different way - The Midnight Run welcomes your participation!

Please contact Rudy Whyte (rwhyte@cochranfirm.com) for more information.

Please Join Us in Celebrating

40 Years of the  Midnight Run

Recognizing & Honoring

The Individuals & Organizations who have Made an impact in serving the marginalized people on the streets of NYC since 1984.

Hitchcock Church

October 19th

6:00 - 10:00 PM

\$750 table of 10

For more information contact Rudy Whyte at:
e-mail: rwhyte@cochranfirm.com
Cell #: (917) 312-4745

2024-2025 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING 7 PM:

September 28, 2024

November 30, 2024

December 28, 2024

January 25, 2025

February 22, 2025

March 29, 2025

May 31, 2025

June 28, 2025

August 30, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING 6 AM:

October 26, 2024

April 26, 2025

July 26, 2025



LIVING IN AMERICA



Living in America (LIA), a Hitchcock outreach program on Thursday mornings at the church and virtually, has been filling the needs of over 5,650 international adults since 1976. If you know any international adults who are interested in making friends and learning about America Culture while improving their English, please recommend LIA to them. Many friendships made at LIA have continued for years, and alumnae groups meet regularly in Tokyo. The program encourages conversation in English.



CLASSES

In-house and hybrid classes will meet on Thursday mornings from September 19, 2024 until early-June 2024. They will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 AM with time to socialize from 9:00 - 9:30. By using virtual technology, students can join LIA classes from anywhere in the world! So, whether they are nearby in Westchester, halfway around the world, or somewhere in between, they are welcome to join LIA.



REGISTRATION

There are two ways to Register for the LIA program:

- In the church on Thursday September 12, 2023 any time between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. After that, students may also register in the church any Thursday morning from 9:00 - 9:30 AM.
- Anytime on-line by clicking the 'Register here' button on the LIA section of the Hitchcock website - <https://www.hitchcockpresby.org/living-in-america>

REGISTRATION FEE

There will be a \$25 registration fee for all students to help cover administrative costs. The Hitchcock Community Outreach Committee also helps fund the program.

SPECIAL EVENT

On Thursday December 19, 2024, from 10:00 - 11:30 am, there will be an in-house Christmas Service and celebration sponsored by LIA and Presbyterian Women. This program is a wonderful way for HPC members and their friends to have a "hands-on" opportunity for service and outreach.

If you wish additional information or want to volunteer, please contact Diane Gismond (723-9286 - dianegismond@gmail.com) or Linda Camp (997-7468 - LindaCamp100@yahoo.com).



Bible Study Fellowship



REVELATION THE HOPE

Encounter God.
Build Friendships.

Who We Are

Bible Study Fellowship is a free, interdenominational 30-week study for all ages and levels of Bible knowledge to explore God's Word in community. We teach, train, and mobilize individuals to know and love God and others through His Word. Learn more at bsfinternational.org

How We Study

-  Read Bible & Answer Questions
-  Discuss in Small Groups
-  Listen to Teaching
-  Explore Lesson Notes

Begins in September 2024 - through May 2025 **2024-25
Season**

Who: Men Women Young Adults
 Kids (0-5) Students (6-18)



Register today at: join.bsfinternational.org

At Bible Study Fellowship, we gather together weekly to explore passages of the Bible. This year, we will be studying the Revelation. Using the "four-fold method", members answer questions throughout the week before meeting to watch a recorded lecture and to share what they learned in a small group discussion. This is followed by an in-depth written commentary to provide a thorough and balanced understanding of the passage.

Our daytime women's group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am in the Lower Children's House and is comprised of women from all corners of Westchester County and beyond. There is also an evening women's group which meets on Tuesdays evenings in White Plains and an evening men's group which meets on Tuesday evenings in northern Westchester. Children of members belonging to the women's or men's group are also welcome to join the school program for ages 5-17 which is conducted on Zoom on Monday evenings.

Please contact Elizabeth Yong at (917) 455-5982 or westchesterdwbsf@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to register. To learn more, go to: <https://www.bsfinternational.org>

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Hosted by the Prayer Ministry Via Zoom

MEETS ON SCHEDULED SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M.



Join us on these dates: 9/7 & 21, 10/5 & 19, 11/2, 16 & 30 and 12/14 & 28

Contact Margaret Black to sign up (mablack100@gmail.com) or for more information.

Time is spent praying for the names listed in Hitchcock Happenings and also for individuals who have requested prayers without listing their names. All women are invited to join. Anyone can make a request to be prayed for.

Praying in community is not only a pleasant thing to do for someone but is also a tangible way to "love your neighbor", to grow in our own faith, thereby knitting our faith community together. Through group prayer we tap into God's storehouse of power, raising our voices in praise when He moves in response to what has been requested. This strengthens our dependence on God.

Someone who occasionally joins the prayer group wrote: *I love to hear others pray, beautifully expressed (prayers)... It is comforting and embracing, and humbling. I'm grateful for this sisterhood.*

Can we pray for you? Call (914) 723-3311 for the Rev. Dr. Pete Jones, forward an email to prayerrequest@hitchcock.presby.org, or write your prayer request on the Welcome Card in the pews.

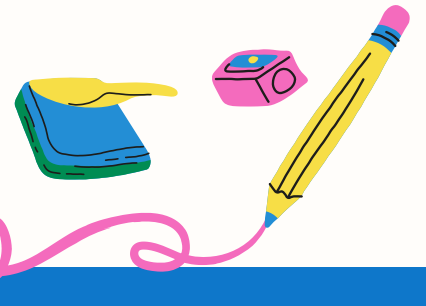
"...Pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all... **In every place of worship...pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy."**

I Timothy 2:4a; 5 & 8a (NLT)

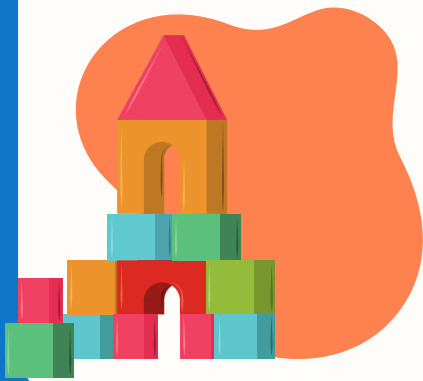




The Hitchcock School



About



The Hitchcock School offers a nurturing and developmentally appropriate preschool program for children ages two to four, as well as a toddler program for 12-24-month-old children. We use The Creative Curriculum in our classrooms which is a comprehensive approach to learning that focuses on exploration and discovery. This curriculum helps teachers interact with children in ways that promote development, foster children's social competence, and support learning through play. Our program focuses on exploration using blocks, dramatic play, toys and games, art, library, sand and water, music and movement, cooking, and outdoor play.

Enrichment Programs



Our school offers many enrichment programs and special classes throughout the year such as Gym on Wheels, Yoga, Musical Munchkins, The Greenburgh Nature Center, Mad Science, and The Weinstock Nature Center. Partnering with our active Parents Association, the school has many opportunities for families to be involved! Events like the Halloween Party, Holiday Sing-along, Parents Night Out, monthly Coffee and Conversations, and a Multicultural Luncheon are just some of the ways our community celebrates together.

Enrollment



For the 2024-2025 academic year, we are excited to expand our Toddler Program to 5 days a week, and all our classes are almost fully enrolled. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open in November. For more information, please visit our website at Thehitchcockschool.org and complete an interest form or call us at 914-723-0922.



SENIOR INTERN'S REPORT

Hitchcock was lucky enough to have a fantastic High School Senior do their Senior Option Internship with us. Below is his report.

My name is Sam Kofman and I'm a senior at Scarsdale High School. For the last 6 weeks of school, seniors do internships instead of going to classes, and I chose to do my internship at Hitchcock because I would get to cover a broad range of subjects and focus on the issues I feel most passionate about. In my 6 weeks at Hitchcock, I have done quite a lot!

I started with the Earth-Care Certification which entailed filling out a giant checklist with four categories (Worship, Education, Facilities, and Outreach) and many possible actions per category with assigned point values. The first round of certification requires a total of 100 points with at least 25 points per category which we managed to achieve after creating a new website page about the Earth-Care Certification with pictures of our native plants and our postcard writing event during which many members of the congregation wrote postcards to our senators asking them to cosponsor the A. Donald McEachin Environmental Justice For All Act.



Kids in Sunday School also helped out by coloring in the back of the postcards. Now that all the paperwork for the certification is filled out, we have to wait until the submission window in January to make it official, but we're almost there!

I helped plan and put together a mental health workshop for 5th-8th graders about stress, transitions, and how to healthily cope with all of that. We partnered with Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) and ended up with a 1.5 hour program with a presentation, a hands-on activity, and dinner.

We started an interview project where I interviewed many older members of the church who have been here for decades in order to learn about their history and the history of the church. All of them have led incredibly interesting lives and I was lucky enough to be the one behind the camera getting to listen to all of it.

I also helped organize things for when the asylum seekers came and helped lead them around the labyrinth of halls we have here at Hitchcock.

I've taken hundreds of pictures at many of the events we've had at Hitchcock and organized them all into google drives which have been shared with the office staff.

In my time here, I've learned a lot about what's currently going on with legislation surrounding many issues and I've learned how much it takes to run a church (it takes a lot!). I wasn't aware of how much was done during the week and before services on Sunday to prepare for the service, and it's given me a greater appreciation for all that the church does.



Buildings & Grounds

The Building and Grounds Committee's big project this spring and summer has been refreshing the meeting rooms along the hallway by the Memorial Building entrance to better serve all the different groups and activities taking place here. This included the creation of windows into all the rooms along the hall, providing visual security and convenience, as well as brightening up the hallway by bringing in light from the outside.



The Bob and Marthe Czufin Study Center

Through a generous gift from long-time members Bob and Marthe Czufin, the Library has been turned into a small group meeting and study center with smart flat screen tv and comfortable chairs that are making the room a magnet for youth groups and classes. Taking the building's mid-century date as a cue, the original walnut-stained shelves and cabinets were cleaned, walls painted white, and a long banquette created along one wall. Among some of the treasures found in the clean-up were vintage Bible Study maps. One of these, depicting the journeys of Paul, has been framed and hangs with smaller vintage-style maps of Rome and Jerusalem. With freshly painted black window grids, new gray carpet, and furniture in orange and blue, the space has a cool, mid-century vibe while providing twenty-first century features.

While going through the library books, Revs. Pete and Katherine selected reference materials to keep on the shelves, and old Bibles and Hitchcock memorabilia, such as scrapbooks, were saved.

Buildings & Grounds Cont.



The Merrell and Lynne Clark Family Room

Considered the “living room” of our congregation, the former Hancock Room was in serious need of a refresh. Several special gifts were made for this room renovation, and the Session voted to rename it after Lynne and Merrell Clark, who have been valued members of Hitchcock for sixty years. In addition to repairs to the woodwork and ceiling, the renovation also remedied water seepage that had damaged the casement windows and the stone surrounds. Our contractor repointed exterior stonework, and painted and restored the windows to functionality. The fresh paint on the walls, new furniture and motorized solar shades give the room an updated yet comfortable feel. The solar shades will bring down the temperature on sunny days and will help darken the room for video presentations. The new carpet tiles will let us replace individual stained areas, keeping the carpet looking newer, longer.

Special care was given to the selection of art in this room. It was our desire to make sure that representations of Jesus, Mary and the Holy Family reflected the entire human family. The result is a wonderful collection of beautiful works that do just that: Haitian American artist Alix Beaujour’s depiction of the Holy Family, Paul Gauguin’s well-known “Hail, Mary”, and 18th century painter Guiseppi Peroni’s “Samaritan Woman at the Well”. Worthy of special attention is the original print “The Flight into Egypt” by Japanese Christian artist Sadao Watanabe. Watanabe’s body of work uses traditional block printing in his depictions of Biblical scenes. Having this print hanging in this room also pays homage to the recently dissolved Japanese Church that worshipped in this space for so many years. Finally, we were excited to find contemporary Ukrainian artist Ivanka Demchuk, whose icons combine traditional and contemporary Christian themes. “The Hidden Life of Nazareth” shows Jesus as a toddler with His loving parents. Please be sure to stop by and read more about each of these artworks. Many thanks to Liz Perrone and Rev. Katherine for help in their selection.

There is still work to do: refreshing the kitchenette, opening the door to the walled garden, sprucing up the entrance to the Lower Children’s House. Installing air conditioning in these rooms is also a priority.

Katherine's PhD Update

As many of you know, I started a PhD in Practical Theology at Claremont School of Theology this past January. Eventually, I hope to write a dissertation about interfaith theology and organizing for women's and LGBTQ+ rights.

In the meantime, I will be completing both hybrid/online and in-person coursework at the Claremont campus in sunny Los Angeles, CA. I enjoyed my first in-person course about Christian Interfaith Formation this past April, which included a fascinating visit to a Jain temple in Southern California.

I am grateful to be enrolled in a program that allows me to do the academic work I feel called to do in the world, while also continuing my call to serve with this amazing congregation. Thank you for your collective support!



2024 Mission Summit

Hitchcock is a community that believes strongly in acting out its faith in the world. We know that God is doing good work among us through Midnight Run, Presbyterian Women, Living in America, and other missional organizations and projects in our community.

However, we also know we need to evaluate whether these groups can work together more effectively from the same common values and towards the same common goals.

So this past April, we invited Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, a former co-moderator of our denomination and current director of NEXTChurch, an organization dedicated to creating meaningful transformation in the PCUSA, to lead us in a Mission Summit.

Larissa will continue to meet with the leaders of our missional organizations within Hitchcock during this program year to discuss how we can encourage more congregational engagement with outreach in our congregation and build a vibrant future for outreach work at Hitchcock! Please pray for our work together.

News From Our Committees

Deacons

The current Board of Deacons comprises 18 members, each elected by the congregation to serve a three-year term. Our responsibilities are varied and fall into three areas: service, social and caring. Our most sacred duty is to minister to anyone who is in need, sick, friendless or in distress. In this we often work closely with the Health Ministry Team and the Hitchcock staff to extend care to the congregation.

Annual Deacon's And Elders Retreats:

2024-2025 is going to be a great year and that is in large part due to the wonderful lay leaders of Hitchcock! Our Elders and Deacons volunteer to give of their time, talent and energy to help lead the congregation and care for our members. To kick things off, we will be holding Deacon's and Elder's Retreats in the 13 Walworth Manse on **September 15th** during lunch and dinner, respectively. Please keep these wonderful leaders in your prayers as we begin a new and critical year in the life of the church and in the world.

Health Ministry Team

The Health Ministry team seeks to promote health and wholeness – body, mind and spirit – in a faith community through activities such as health education and counseling, advocacy, referrals, and pastoral visits in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Jennifer Smith is the Health Ministry team chair for the congregation along with team members David Chong, Rose Garnier, Pete Jones, Kathleen Mahan, Katherine Miao and Dan Smith. The Health Ministry team, the Deacons and volunteers work closely with the pastor to provide a caring community and are available to provide health-related assistance, including rides to medical appointments, to anyone who requests it.

In August, members of the church staff were recertified in CPR and use of the AED devices. There are 2 AED devices in the church – one located in the lower Children's House and one in the flower room (outside the choir room). Multiple doses of Narcan are also available in the church offices. The team also provides weekly health/wellness tips in the church newsletter.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee plays an important role in ensuring that Hitchcock Presbyterian Church has the continuation of men and women serving as Deacons and Elders and Nominating Committee members. Each year the committee reviews the needs for replacement of those who currently have served their three year terms. Serving on the Nominating Committee, as an Elder or Deacon is an important way to serve our church community and God.

Flavio Galhardo Chair, Nominating Committee

Worship and Arts

The Worship and Arts Committee is the Session committee that is responsible for many visible aspects of the Worship service. We oversee ushering, flowers, Communion preparation and servers, as well as offering input on musical issues and décor. Our group includes Martha Binder (Chair), Martha Flanders, Kathleen Mahan, Georgia Prince, and Lisa Waterworth. We have returned to conducting services, including Communion, in our usual pre-Covid manner, with masks optional for all. Hymnals and Bibles are back in the pews, singing is encouraged, and seating is no longer separated.

We welcome the active participation of all Hitchcock members in the worship services.

Children are encouraged to participate in worship, and are invited every Sunday during the service to come to the front for Time with Children. They are a vital part of the Children's Service, the Christmas Pageant, and in the spring, the Youth Service. Every November and May the youth take over the ushering responsibilities. Also, in addition to our four separate children's choirs, we have an acolyte program for older children.

For adults, serving as an usher is a good way to take part in the worship service, and to interact with people. When coming to church, the first person that a member or a visitor meets is almost always an usher, and for most guests and visitors, this is their first impression of Hitchcock Church. Ushers distribute the Order of Service, and, if necessary, show guests to seats before and during the service, as well as provide information to newcomers or other help. Ushers also take up the collection, prepare the Sanctuary prior to the service and neaten up afterwards. A thoughtful usher makes a huge impact on one's experience at Hitchcock. For more information contact our Usher Coordinator, Georgia Prince (gprince@liebertpub.com), or Martha Binder (mbinder3@me.com)

The Flower Program is another path to contribute to our common worship experience. Hitchcock accepts donations for weekly flowers as memorials or thanksgivings, especially for Easter. This is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one and help beautify our worship space. Alternatively, the Hitchcock Church Tower Lighting is another way to donate a memorial and enhance our beautiful church at the same time.

To partake of either of these opportunities, please call the Hitchcock office. We look forward to a busy year!

Martha Binder

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee conducts the annual evaluation of the Pastors. Notices to the congregation, Session and Deacons soliciting comments on the job performance of Pete and Katherine, as well as the church staff members are placed in Hitchcock Happenings.

A personnel report is given to the Session at their bi-monthly meeting, updating members regarding staff issues of importance. The Personnel Committee is also responsible for troubleshooting Personnel issues should they arise. In addition, the Personnel Committee is responsible for conducting the NY State required annual sexual harassment training for all employees.

Betsy Bush

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is part of the face of Hitchcock Church to its members and the community at large. Hitchcock is known for its open hospitality and the quality of the events it sponsors, all reflecting the call to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure. The Hospitality Committee through its work provides members with the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from each of these gifts. We truly break bread together.

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for the following events throughout the year: Rally Day, Stewardship Brunch, Community Carol Sing, Chili Cook Off, and the Thursday Lenten Organ Concert luncheons as well as the Sunday coffee hours.

The Committee, along with the volunteers from our congregation, shares responsibility for the weekly Coffee Hour following worship. We will continue to plan a wide variety of church/family/community events this coming year. We encourage and invite everybody to join us by participating in these wonderful acts of hospitality. Need to get your chopping, slicing, dicing and table setting skills sharpened plus have fun? Call Hea Park (914-673-0249) and share your ideas!

Hea Park – Chair, Liz Perrone – Secretary, Gladys Bart-Williams, Linda Camp, Clarisse Djomo, Tracey Tsai, Joyce Wanjiku, Rev. Pete Jones – Ex officio



KITCHEN(s) USE GUIDELINES

When a group or committee uses the kitchens, there must be a designated member of your committee to act as Liaison to the Hospitality Committee (prior to and during the event) and be ultimately responsible for making sure that the kitchen is left in good order at the end of the event. This includes the following:

- * All equipment used must be washed, dried and returned to its proper storage place.
- * All leftover food remaining from the event is either taken home by participants or thrown out unless it is specifically designated for use at other times (i.e. milk, cookies, etc.).
- * All laundry (dishtowels, aprons and/or tablecloths) is to be taken home, washed, dried, folded and returned to their original storage area.
- * Use of dishwasher (instructions on wall by DW). Please dry glasses and silverware after they are washed (this will diminish the water spots left on them) and return to designated cabinet/drawers.
- * All surfaces, including the stoves, ovens and counters are to be wiped down; food particles and grease should be removed from drip pans under burners, drip plans should be cleaned and replaced.
- * All lights, ovens and gas burners are to be turned off. Close and lock any doors you opened.

Thank you for your attention to these guidelines.

We are all responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of our kitchens!

Stewardship Committee

Dear Hitchcock,

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to Rally Sunday, a new school year for our children and all the hustle and bustle that will fill the halls of Hitchcock again this Fall. We are so blessed - with music, fellowship, a vibrant learning environment for our children and youth, the nurture of our own faith, and beautiful spaces throughout Hitchcock to gather and worship. We are blessed with so much of God's goodness and with many opportunities to be God's hands out in the world.

All of those blessings are made possible by you, the members of Hitchcock, who give of your time, energy and resources to make this a welcoming, engaged and vibrant community. And, once again, your generosity helped us make last year's pledge drive a record-breaking one, allowing us to invest in our people, our space, and our impact in the wider community. Can we do it again?

There are many ways to give at Hitchcock. First and foremost, I hope you will give your time by getting involved, for that is how we build a vibrant community. I hope you will give your expertise, volunteering in whatever capacity suits your interests and abilities. And, of course, I hope you will give financially to support all the activities of Hitchcock, within these walls and beyond. The most familiar way to give is our annual Stewardship pledge season - mark your calendars now for our annual Stewardship breakfast on November 17. Or maybe this is the year you want to consider a legacy gift to Hitchcock. If that is of interest, please reach out to me or any of the church staff for more information. As we return to a full fall schedule and receive Hitchcock's many gifts, I invite you to think and pray about what you will give in return.

Happy Fall and welcome back,
Kathleen Dunlop, Stewardship Chair



Scarsdale Troop 4



All Middle and High School Students Are Welcome at Troop 4

Troop 4's Scouts develop character, civic mindedness, and leadership skills. The troop achieves these aims through camping, outdoor activities, and community service, all while having lots of fun. Middle and high school-aged Scouts, with support from adult leaders, create and lead activities such as hikes, outdoor games, community service, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities. Troop 4 embodies the values of inclusion, tolerance, and mutual respect for all people.

Upcoming Recruiting Events

During 2024-2025, the troop has designated the following Sundays for open houses to encourage youths to enroll in the troop: **September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 4, June 8**

Any youths from age 11 to age 17 interested in joining Scarsdale's Troop 4 may **contact Scoutmaster Ted Mazza (tedmazza@gmail.com) or Scoutmaster Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez (mrvassoc@yahoo.com)** with any questions about these recruiting events.

Summer Camp

Each summer, Troop 4 sends Scouts to nearby camps for one week. During that week, the Scouts camp in platform tents, work on merit badges and advancement, go ziplining, whitewater rafting, caving, rock climbing, and swimming. Almost every year, some of our older Scouts participate in high adventure camps at one of four designated BSA sites. In the past, Troop 4 has sent Scouts to Seabase in Florida, Northern Tier along the Minnesota/Canada border, Summit/Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia (as part of National Jamboree), and Philmont in New Mexico.

This summer, scouts Troop 4 attended Camp Read in Lake Brant. In addition to having a great time hiking, rock climbing, and drawing, the Scouts completed the requirements for almost 20 merit badges collectively in a variety of subjects such as Archery, Astronomy, Basketry, Camping, Chess, Communication, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, First Aid, Forestry, Geology, Kayaking, Leatherwork, Mining, Life Saving, Sculpture, Swimming, Wilderness Survival, and Woodcarving. A number of scouts also attended day camp at Camp Bullawo.

Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Zachary Finkel, Janghee Lee, and Noah Millard who earned the rank of Eagle during the 2023-2024 academic year. Amongst other requirements, to attain the level of Eagle Scout, Scouts must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges; the 14 merit badges required are: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparation or Lifesaving, Environmental Science or Sustainability, Personal Management, Swimming, Hiking, or Cycling, Camping, and Family Life.

Additionally, there are numerous subject areas that Scouts can choose to complete the remaining merit badges, such as American Business, Animation, Archery, Art, Astronomy, Backpacking, Bird Study, Canoeing, Chemistry, Chess, Crime Prevention, Disability Awareness, Digital Technology, Dog Care, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Fingerprinting, Game Design, Gardening, Genealogy, Healthcare Professions, Journalism, Kayaking, Law, Moviemaking, Music, Nuclear Science, Photography, Pottery, Sports, Theatre and many more.

Eagle Scouts must also show leadership by planning and executing, with help from volunteers supervised by the Scout, an Eagle Project benefitting the community. This past year Ronan's painted a world map mural in a high school in the Bronx, Joshua built a bench and implemented a new book organization system for Greenacres elementary school and Zachary built a boot brush/information station and cleared an invasive plant species for a public park in New Rochelle.

Troop 4 Background

Troop 4 engages in a variety of activities throughout the year. They include camping, hiking, historical site trips, skiing, color guard presentation at Opening Day of the Scarsdale Little League Season, marching in the Scarsdale Memorial Day parade, Camping on the Green (in Scarsdale Village), and merit badge seminars. The Troop has performed many community service projects including donating warm clothes to Open Arms Men's Shelter in White Plains for the holidays, conservation projects at various trails and campsites, helping communities through Eagle Projects, and gardening enhancements at Hitchcock Presbyterian Church.

The troop also fundraises to support its many activities. Each year Troop 4 sells hand-decorated Christmas wreaths between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, Troop 4 sells Chanukkah candles during the holiday season.

Troop 4 is led by Scoutmaster Ted Mazza and Assistant Scoutmasters Jordan Copeland, Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez, and Heather Kolb. Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez is the Scoutmaster for the girls-linked troop, as well as Assistant Scoutmaster for the boys' troop.

The Troop holds regular meetings on Sundays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Children's House at Hitchcock. If anyone is interested in joining or has questions, please contact Scoutmaster Ted Mazza (tedmazza@gmail.com) or Scoutmaster Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez (mrvassoc@yahoo.com)

Pete to attend the coveted Presbyterian Credo Conference

The annual Credo Conference is provided by the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA) and is a well-respected conference for clergy members. This will be Pete's first time attending the conference, which will have him out town from October 21-October 28. This year's conference is being held at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire.



CREDO conferences provide clergy at various stages of ministry with a specially designed 7-day experience. CREDO conference participants arrive on a Tuesday to begin a program designed for learning, sharing, reflection, worship, exploration, and laughter. Yes, even fun and joy. Large-group plenaries, component workshops, small-group interactions, one-on-one discussions, daily worship, prayer, and free time for exercise and relaxation round out seven days focused on holistic health.

The culmination of the CREDO conference is a CREDO Rule of Life –a personal covenant that the participant formulates from the knowledge attained and aspirations uncovered during the CREDO experience. Each individual CREDO Rule of Life captures the participant's formal and actionable commitment to God and themselves.

CREDO participants may leave feeling refreshed and reinvigorated, with a clearer vision of their total well-being. Ten years after their CREDO conference, participants are eligible to enroll again and benefit from another opportunity to enjoy the CREDO experience and connect with peers.



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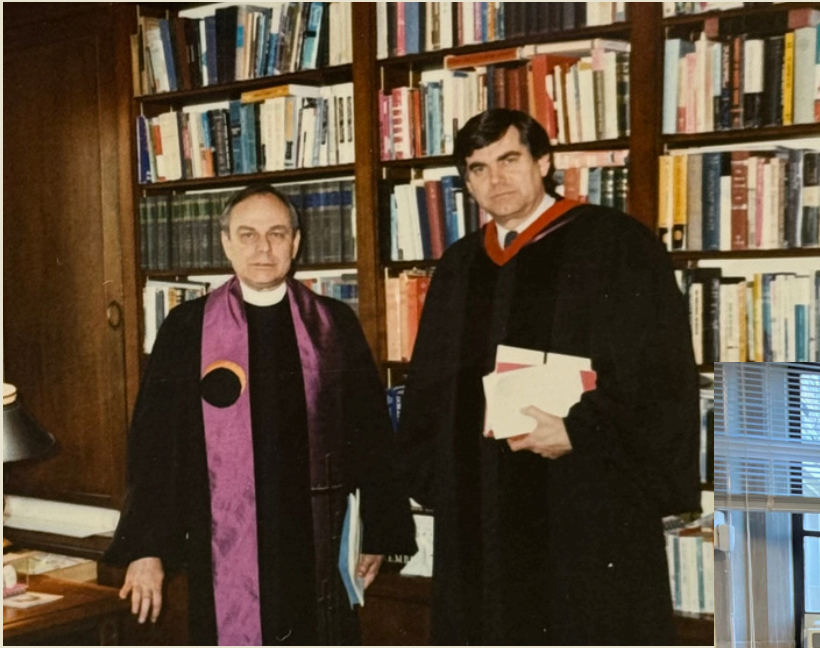
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Tidbits



Hitchcock Happenings

We communicate in many ways, but email seems to be the most popular! If you want to keep on top of what is going on at Hitchcock, email is the way to go. We send out a newsletter (Hitchcock Happenings) by email every Friday morning, as well as other e-mails throughout the week. In it are articles on what will be happening at Hitchcock in the weeks and months ahead. You won't want to miss a thing, so make sure you contact the church office to be put on this all important contact list.



Sunday Memorial Flowers

There are dates available for the 2024-2025 program year. For a suggested donation of \$100 you can honor a loved one by sponsoring the chancel flowers on Sunday. The chancel flowers adorn the sanctuary during worship, and brighten the day of two special recipients following the service. Go to our website: www.hitchcockpresby.org/flowers to sign up!



Light the Tower

For a suggested donation to the church of \$50 or more, you can "light" the clock tower each week in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event (wedding, anniversary, birth of a child, etc.)

Please contact the church office, (914)723-3311, if you are interested in "lighting" the tower.



Media

www.hitchcockpresby.org

You can find us on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify!

Make sure to join the official FACEBOOK Hitchcock Presbyterian Church and the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church Community pages.

Transportation

The Transportation Assistance Group has organized as teams to provide transportation assistance to any church member in need for church activities. With teams, the unique concerns of each passenger can be addressed. Any new or special requests by congregants may be addressed to Giselle Rodriguez in the Church Office or to your Transportation Team, led by Dan Smith.

THANK YOU TO

-All who contributed to this newsletter.

-The many volunteers who give so selflessly to Hitchcock & our outreach partners.

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 Justin Mylenski (Y)
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Mark Your Calendars!



September

- 7 & 21 – Prayer Ministry via Zoom
- 8 – Rally Day and Sunday School begin
- 10 – Kerygma begins
- 11 – “Wednesdays at Hitchcock” begin
- 12 – Handbells begin
- 15–Deacon and Elders Retreat
- 16 – Inquirers Class via Zoom
- 19 – Living in America Opening Day
- 22 – Usher Training
- 25 – First Kairos Group
- 28 – Midnight Run
- 29 – Parent/Caregiver Information Gathering
- 30 – Inquirers Class via Zoom



November

- 2, 16 & 30 – Prayer Ministry via Zoom
- 3– All Saints Sunday
- 8– Movie Night
- 16 – Thrift Fall Sale
- 17 – Stewardship Breakfast
- 20 – Kairos Group
- 30 – Midnight Run



October

- 1 – Cost Benefit Analysis of Dementia Speaker
- 5 & 19 – Prayer Ministry via Zoom
- 6 – World Communion Sunday
- 7 – Inquirers Class via Zoom
- 16 – Kairos Group
- 20 – Children’s Sabbath & PW luncheon
- 26 – Midnight Breakfast Run
- 27 – NCS Concert: Mozart - Solemn Vespers & Bach - Magnificat



December

- 1 – First Sunday of Advent & Communion
- 6 – NCS Concert: MESSIAH
- 8 – Second Sunday of Advent
NCS Concert : Messiah
- 14 & 28 – Prayer Ministry via Zoom
- 15 – Third Sunday of Advent & Community Carol Sing, Tree Lighting & Christmas Party
- 19 – Living in America Christmas Service
- 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 – Christmas Eve Services & Pageant
- 28 – Midnight Run