Jan-March 2017

Looking ahead

Holy Week - April 9—15
   Palm Sunday Service—11:00am
   Maundy Thursday—7:00pm
   Good Friday with Faure’s Requiem—7:00pm
   Easter Sunrise Service—6:15am (Rooftop)
   Easter Service with Choir, Brass & Organ—11:00am

Sacred Sites weekend —May 20-21

Faith on Edge Lenten Lectures

Thank you to Revs Williamson, Stehlik and Jervis and Ashley DeTar Birt for delivering a very informative Lenten Lecture series in March.

If you missed the live lectures all four have been recorded and live on the Rutgers Church Youtube channel.

Just search Rutgers Presbyterian Church and you will see the videos.

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Mayada is a Syrian refugee who arrived in New Jersey with her husband and four children in March of 2016.

Rutgers Church is co-sponsoring this wonderful family and invites you to attend special dinners prepared by Mayada. Church members help Mayada in the kitchen.

You can find information on our Eventbrite pages or call the church office 212-877-8227 for more details. All proceeds go directly to Mayada and her family.

Thank you for your support!

Prayer Flags service - prayers for climate.
Many thanks for pictures to Pamela Cooper and Valerie Oltarsh-McCarthy

The Backstory

Mayada and Friends Dinners are a Hit!

FOUR dinners already sold out with two more planned for Spring! April 23rd and a very special dinner June 25 including rooftop appetizers!!
Reel Change Film Series

Fri April 28 7pm CANNERS (2017, 76 min. By Manfred Kirchheimer)

Fresh from his retrospective at MoMA in February, legendary filmmaker Manfred Kirchheimer brings us his eye-opening look at people we pass by every day but rarely ever "see." Rummaging through city trash for hours and miles, New York’s gleaners gather and recycle soda cans for a nickel apiece. As Kirchheimer’s documentary reveals, however, their tireless labor is ignored or scorned, but for the occasional doorman or Good Samaritan who chooses to lend their hand rather than avert their gaze.

Filmmaker Manfred Kirchheimer will join us for a discussion following the screening.

Fri May 26 7pm TRANSFATTY LIVES (2016, 83 min. By Patrick Sean O'Brien)

What happens when a brave and brilliant cinematic artist gets diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease)? If you're Patrick Sean O'Brien you turn the camera on yourself and make a masterpiece of personal filmmaking. Forcefully lacking self-pity, O'Brien (a.k.a DJ Transfatty) captured every step of his debilitating journey from first diagnosis through his current paralysis, along with all the emotion, humor, and absurdity that accompanied it. If this film doesn't inspire you, check your pulse.

Producer Michele Dupree will join us for a discussion following the screening.

We Have Faith Exhibit

Rutgers Presbyterian Church’s Director of Christian Education, Ashley DeTar Birt, is featured in the We Have Faith exhibit. This is a museum-quality traveling photo-text exhibit featuring well-known LGBT and allied clergy and people of many faiths and denominations, including Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Come see photos and read the stories of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim people and their loved ones as they live into who God calls them to be. Stop by our sanctuary to check it out!

The Backstory

Our Reel Change Series is a concept created by Peter Rinaldi, the head of Rutgers Audio Visual.

It is a monthly screening of films that inform and inspire, followed by conversations with the filmmakers at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Hosted by Peter Rinaldi.

The series began on December 9th with the New York premiere of "The Boy Who Found Gold" by Christopher Summa, an incredibly engaging journey into the life and work of the legendary iconographer Father William Hart McNichols.
Rutgers Presbyterian Church is the home of a group that meets weekly to continue to stay aware and fight for the rights of all humans. A few of the members having great fun and do not let a little snowstorm stop them from meeting.

The Resistance Bureau meets every Tuesday at 6pm on the first floor and has a group on Facebook. For more information please contact Rev. Andrew Stehlik at the church office.

Rutgers Church takes action...
Women’s March on Washington
January 21, 2017

Much fun was had by all along with some very thought provoking and important voice raising in support of women’s rights. We will not be silent.
They—Multi Media Dance Performance

March 10, 2017

RPC was the location of a very moving performance of “Them”, a performance of stories of Japanese Americans interned in camps in the US during WW II when the Constitution was disregarded. "I" and "You" became "Them." It was led by Janet Aisawa who also joined our congregation on March 5 to teach us how to make origami cranes to be sent to Japan as part of the Cranes for Peace Project. 1000 origami cranes will be made with each individual’s wish for peace written on the back of the origami paper and folded into the crane. These cranes will be strung together to make a chain of 1000 and will be placed on Sadako’s Children’s Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan.

Community Programs

Sharing food is a great way to build community. Inspired by the book The Sandwich Swap, kids in our Ready, Set, Go preschoolers program went shopping, made sandwiches, and shared with the whole class.
Rutgers Music Series Events

Valentine’s Day Cabaret
February 17, 2017

David Kelso’s Cabaret “My Fair Ladies” - March 17, 2017

Up Next for Our Choir

On Good Friday, April 14, 2017 the choir will be joined by the Rutgers Chamber Orchestra to present a beautiful interpretation of Faure’s *Requiem* following the service which begins at 7:00pm.

Finally, to close out the season on May 21, 2017 the choir will be joined by members of the Wellington Jones Opera Cast to present the 4th Annual Wellington Jones Memorial Opera Aria Concert.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook Page for updated information.
Joyous Arrival of the Khoja Family

February 7, 2017

After weeks of preparation, days of uncertainty and hours of labor and love Rutgers Presbyterian Church, members of the Refugee Task Force and the UWS community were able to finally rejoice at the arrival of the Khoja Family from Istanbul, originally from Syria.

The Khoja Family is a lovely family of 8! Two strong willed parents, Mahmoud and Asia, three adult girls, Suzan, Kawhar and Jihan, Abdulla, their son, and two middle aged girls, Handrin and Narin. They are now settled in their apartment in Union City, NJ and along with all the work going into setting up their new life here in America, taking English Classes, school placement tests and doctor’s exams they still manage to find the time enjoy New York sites and sounds.

In light of the new administration and the proposed travel bans, the arrival of the Khoja’s received much news coverage via online, print and TV. We have logged several of the news stories on our Rutgers Youtube page and many links to articles can be found on our Facebook page.

We continue to work with both the Khoja and Abdulhamid family to ensure their life here in America is one filled with opportunity and hope.

“Refugee Family arrive in America after long road filled with political roadblocks”
- ABC7ny.com
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2nd Quarter Birthdays

April 1—Hayden Coudal-Jones
April 2—Nicole Byrns
April 2—Trey & Lily Santiago
April 4—Mary Beth Coudal Jones
April 5—Massimo Maglione
April 6—Nickolas Berry
April 10—William Kaufman
April 10—Joan Keener
April 14—Bob Shelton
April 16—Justice Lindskoog
April 17—Jennifer Finn
April 19—Beth Childs
April 27—Charles Platt

May 5—Benjamin Kraus
May 6—Elizabeth Nichols
May 10—Sonia D’Angelo-Manzon
May 10—Elana D’Angelo-Manzon
May 10—Juliet Pritner
May 19—Bill Bailey
May 20—Anthony D’Angelo
May 21—Nora Lidell
May 31—Cynthia Gale
May 31—Audrey Mackenzie

June 1—Edward Alley
June 1—Lena Wong
June 5—Robin Berry
June 16—Susan Poliacik
June 18—Sally & Amelia Suchanek
June 27—Cullen Dunn-Ellis
June 28—Cydney Johnson
June 29—Jack Bessonette
June 30—Benjamin Greer-Shultz

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