

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024



From Woody: After all of the tragic loss of human life in both the Ukrainian- Russian and the Middle Eastern wars, it seems appropriate to devote next Sunday's service to the topic of peace. The teachings of Jesus are absolutely clear that war is not an acceptable method of solving disagreements. As Jesus told Peter during his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, "He who lives by the sword dies by the sword. " The number of innocent people in both wars who are being killed, wounded and displaced from their homes is overwhelming. What can we do to help? We can contribute to the Peace and Global Witness Offering next Sunday morning and come to pray for peace. We will have a peace oriented service and will conclude the service out at our Peace Pole. We will also show the 2023 movie, *ONE LIFE*. Starring Anthony Hopkins after the conclusion of the service. All are welcome and I hope if you are talking about current events with your friends and neighbors you will invite them to come. The movie is about 109 minutes long and we will show it right after the service.

It is far past time to solve international problems by peaceful means rather than by humans slaughtering other humans. It is also time to stop violence and the threats of violence in our country including the recent threats found in the rest rooms at the Middle and High Schools in Goffstown. I close with a wonderful poem sent to me by a nice couple who watch our services online in Marcy, NY.

MYSTERIES, YES by Mary Oliver

*Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood.
How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of little lambs.
How rivers and stones are forever in allegiance with gravity
while we ourselves dream of rising.
How two hands touch and the bonds will never be broken.
How people come from delight, or the scars of damage,
to the comfort of a poem.
Let me keep my distance, always, from those
who think they have the answers.
Let me keep company always with those who say
"Look!" and laugh in astonishment,
And bow their heads.*



Sunday School is now in session during our worship service (10:00-11:00am).

Your family is invited to join our 'Covenant Kingdom!' Multi-aged classes for school-aged children that actively relate Christian beliefs and values to everyday life through stories, art, cooking, music, and more! If you know a family who might enjoy our Sunday school and worship services, please invite them! All are welcome!



Cheryl DelVicario has family down south and she has a contact and address to deliver items to for victims of Hurricane Helene. She is doing light weight items. She would like donations of work gloves and new small stuffed animals. People who would like to donate can bring the items to the church or drop the by the Library and Barbara Ballou will coordinate with Cheryl.



Walk to End Alzheimer's: The Ballou family is participating for the second time in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® to raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Every dollar you donate helps the Alzheimer's Association® provide care and support to those facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia, and advance critical research. You can donate on Barbara's page: http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=17658&pg=personal&px=21120525

Or check donations should be made out to the Alzheimer's Association. You can mail a check to the Alzheimer's Association, along with the donation form available on Barb's fundraising page. Or send your check donation to her and she can deposit it directly to the Alzheimer's Association through the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app.



Flowers for Worship: If you would like to provide flowers for a service please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Ellen Anderson (andersel@njms.rutgers.edu., 973-747-2321). Flowers may memorialize a person or an event and always enhance our shared worship experience. If needed, vases are available in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



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Peace Quote: Peace begins with an effort to understand and to reach out to those who might seem to be our enemies and try to become friends, even if we don't agree on everything