

Nancy Remkus for Communion Sunday, Sept. 8

BY JOANN KIRKLAND

Union Chapel in the Grove welcomes Rev. Nancy Remkus for Communion Sunday on Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. Baroque music will be performed by guest organist Joan Osborne and William Packard, on flute. All are welcome for non-denominational worship, which is the closing service for Union Chapel's 2019 summer season.

Nancy is an interfaith/interspiritual minister from Sag Harbor. She is a graduate of One Spirit Interfaith Seminary in Manhattan, a seminary based on "teaching traditions of numerous faiths across the world, with a focus on the core beliefs many religions share like peace, tolerance, service, compassion and love." Nancy describes it as a program that "honors all paths. It is a more inclu-

sive vision of what spirituality is, and that is what the people who attend, like me, were looking for."

She also completed Pastoral Formation in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

A third-generation native of Sag Harbor, she describes growing up with "a big family in a small house that sat beside a salt marsh," where music was always important to her, ever since she taught herself to play guitar at age 14. She was named Suffolk County Performing Artist of the Year in 1989 and has released four albums.

Nancy studied music therapy in college and has taught music and guitar at Sag Harbor Elementary School for 31 years. She helped create Morning Program at the school, bringing students, teachers, staff and parents together to begin each day with song, provid-

ing students with "comfort and happiness during storms, tragedies and celebrations."

As a response to the Parkland, Fla. school shooting, Nancy launched the Kids' Community Peace Chorus. Through music, participants experience a sense of community, spreading a message of peace and inclusion.

Nancy and her husband, Tom, have one daughter, Siena.

Guest organist Joan Osborne has performed many times at the Union Chapel. William Packard studied flute at the Eastern Suffolk School of Music in Riverhead. He founded and performed with the chamber music group Basically Baroque and has also performed with the woodwind quintet East End Winds.

Join us for Communion Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m., for our closing service.



REPORTER FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Nancy Remkus.

ISLAND CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK

50+ drop-in basketball: Sundays, noon to 2 p.m., school gym. No charge.

Adult coed drop-in basketball: Mondays and Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., school gym. No charge.

Adult coed drop-in soccer: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 10 p.m., school gym. No charge.

Adult coed drop-in tennis: Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m., school courts. No charge.

Adult coed drop-in volleyball: Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m., school gym. No charge.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Fridays, beginners meeting, 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Open discussion Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. St. Mary's; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon: Saturdays, 10 a.m., St. Mary's.

Alignment & Base Exercise: Wednesdays with Callie Atkins, 5:30 p.m., Youth Center, Legion Hall, \$5.

Art/Rich Poetry Roundtable: Tuesdays, 4 p.m., library.

Essentrics: Low impact workout with Laury Dowd, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. American Legion/Youth Center. \$5/class.

Functional Fitness: With Maggie Davis. Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m. American Legion/Youth Center. \$5/class.

Golf: at Shelter Island Country Club. Ladies Scramble 10 a.m. on Fridays, Men's Golf 10 a.m. on Thursdays. All levels welcome. Regular fees apply for non-members.

Knitting and crocheting club: Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Senior Activity Center. 631-749-1059.

Knitting club: Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., library.

Lego challenges/ marble madness: For kids. The events alternate on Mondays at 2 p.m., library. 631-749-0042

Mah jongg club: Monday at 10 a.m., library lower level. Instruction available. Stephanie Zinger 631-749-8805.

Open gym: For grades 6 through 12. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m., sign in by 8. School. 631-749-0309.

Pickle ball: At the American Legion Hall, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

Poker table: Thursdays, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Senior Activity Center. 631-749-1059.

Senior Mah jongg: Fridays and Mondays, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Senior Activity Center. 631-749-1059.

Senior yoga: Fridays and Mondays, 10 a.m., Senior Activity Center. 631-749-1059.

Sensory exploration: Young children play at multiple stations. Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m., library. Call 631-749-0042 for dates.

Shelter Island All-Faith Youth Group: Grades 8 to 12. Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m., Camp Quinipet's welcome center.

Silver Circle Social Club: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Senior Activity Center. Call 631-749-1059 for details.

Yoga: Gentle flow with Dawn Hedberg. Thursdays, 5 p.m. American Legion/Youth Center. \$5/class.

Yoga: Gentle flow with Dawn Hedberg. Sundays, 8 a.m. American Legion/Youth Center.

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Yoga story time: For children. One Saturday per month, 11 a.m., library. Call 631-749-0042 for dates.

Zumba: With Susan Binder. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.; Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. American Legion/Youth Center. \$5/class.

Zumba Gold: With Susan Binder. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. American Legion/Youth Center. \$5/class.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Discussion: The Shelter Island Library hosts "Great Decisions, Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics" at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Lecture: The library presents essayist and broadcaster David Bouchier at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Market: The Havens Farmers Market is open every Saturday through Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is held rain or shine on the grounds of The Shelter Island History Center. farmersmarket@shelterislandhistorical.org.

OD prevention: The Shelter Island Library is hosting an opioid overdose prevention program at 11 a.m.

Manor tours: Sylvester Manor offers public-guided tours of the Manor House and "All that has Been: Our Roots Revealed" exhibition from noon to 3 p.m. for \$25. sylvester-

manor.org.

Amphibians: Visit Mashomack Preserve from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to meet the amphibians and reptiles of Mashomack. Join Alex Novarro, Mashomack's new conservation & outreach manager and amphibian expert, to learn about our "herps." Brief introduction will be followed by a field session to capture and identify local salamanders and frogs. 631-749-1001.

Concert: Shelter Island Friends of Music presents vocalist Jakub Jozef Orłinski, winner XXIV Grand Finals Metropolitan National Auditions. At Shelter Island Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. Free. jakubjozeforlinski.com, shelterislandfriendsofmusic.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Seed saving: Sylvester Manor offers a vegetable garden seed saving workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Manor House. Free. sylvestermanor.org.

Book club: The Shelter Island Library book club will gather at 5 p.m. to discuss "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn.

MEETINGS

(At Town Hall unless otherwise noted)

Sept. 9: Shelter Island Library board meeting, at library, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10: Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.

Sept. 23: Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, Center Firehouse, 7:30 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO IN HISTORY

The first automatic teller machine in the United States was installed in Rockville Centre, New York

"Cabaret" closed at the Broadhurst Theater after 1,166 performances

"The Brady Bunch" premiered on ABC Television

Margaret Court beat Nancy Richey to take the women's tennis title at the US Open, then held in Forest Hills while Rod Laver beat Tony Roche to win the men's title

Rock guitarist Dweezil Zappa, son of musician and composer Frank

Zappa was born in Hollywood, Calif.

And on Shelter Island . . .

50 YEARS AGO

St. Mary's gets a new pastor
It was 50 years ago that the Rev. Bruce Irwin announced he was leaving St. Mary's Episcopal Church to study for a master's degree in pastoral counseling at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

He was replaced by the Rev. Elmer Horstmann.

POSTSCRIPT: *It's Father Charles McCarron who holds sway at St. Mary's Episcopal Church today.*

30 YEARS AGO

Town Board tackles beach erosion law.

The Town Board was studying the possible adoption of Article 34 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law dealing with coastal erosion management. At issue at the time was a clause that would give the building inspector discretionary decision making power over proj-

ects and that concerned then town attorney Helen Rosenblum. She wasn't questioning the competency of the building inspector, she said at the time. She said she doubted the building inspector wanted that responsibility.

POSTSCRIPT: *Erosion concerns remain today with the most significant being Reel Point that Town Board members hope the Army Corps of Engineers will help to shore up because its erosion could affect both commercial and residential properties in the Coecles Harbor area.*