

REV. JOHN AND IRENE SMUCKER TO SPEAK AT 9-11 WORSHIP AT GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE

Couple will share first-hand experiences of life in New York during and after the World Trade Center attacks

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. — Aug. 24, 2011 — A decade ago, when terrorists steered two hijacked passenger planes into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, Rev. Dr. John Smucker saw the impact on his congregation at the First Presbyterian Church in Queens. This year, on the 10th anniversary of the attack, Smucker and his wife, Irene, will share their experiences at the morning worship service of The Community Church at Garden Spot Village.

“John and Irene will share stories of family and church members who were directly impacted by this catastrophe. John will also share a biblical message of how the church is called to respond to an event such as 9-11,” said Chet Yoder, director of pastoral services at Garden Spot Village.

Rev. Smucker pastored Mennonite and other churches in New York City for 47 years and served as bishop for a number of Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference congregations. He also served as professor of urban ministry at the New York School of Urban Ministry.

The Smuckers moved to Garden Spot Village two years ago. Rev. Smucker serves on the leadership council of The Community Church at Garden Spot Village, and the couple are both involved with the church’s prayer ministry.

The Smuckers will share at the worship service on Sun., Sept. 11. All are invited for coffee and fellowship beginning at 9:15 a.m., followed by the service at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Garden Spot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Ave., New Holland.

For more information call Chet Yoder, director of pastoral care, at 717-355-6203.

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