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An Open and Affirming Congregation Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, September 16, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Here is today's Sunday school schedule: | |
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| Infants - 3 year olds | Nursery (Room B-109) |
| Pre-K & K | Room B-205 |
| 1st – 3rd graders | Creation Corner (B-206) |
| 4th – 5th graders | Good News Games (B-210) |
| 6th thru 7th graders | Basement |
| 8th thru 12th graders | Stay in Worship |

Upcoming Youth Events:

 September 23rd - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm
September 30th - High School Youth 5:00-6:30pm
October 6th -Bridges Run 9:30am-12:30 pm 8-12th Graders & Chaperones
October 14th - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:45-8:00pm
October 21st - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:45-8:00pm

TODAY Solutions to Plastic Pollution: at Christ Church, the Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is launching the Bags to Benches Plastic Recycling Challenge with a free lunch and learn event. Nandini Checko from the Association for NJ Environmental Commissions will lead a discussion about how we can lighten our plastic footprint. Kids and adults can play the game, Plink the Plastic. There will be a display of the types of plastic film that can be recycled in this campaign. The event takes place in Barnwell Hall after worship. The entire Summit Area community is invited. RSVP to Nancy Davies at <u>nancydavies@msn.com</u>.

Love Wins: We spent the month of August exploring some of the hardest topics in the Christian faith--sin, brokenness, redemption, Heaven, and Hell. Are you ready to dig even deeper into these questions? Join us after church on **September 23rd** for a discussion of Rob Bell's bestselling "Love Wins", where he considers a controversial question. Would a loving God condemn people to eternal torment? Copies available on table outside the church office.

September 28th-30th: All Church Retreat in Ocean Grove, NJ

Sign up today to reserve your spot by emailing Rev. Julie <u>revjy@ccsnj.org</u> Join us for creative & interactive spiritual retreat for all ages. HOW MUCH: \$200 per adult, \$25 per kid: Saturday Only: \$100 per adult, \$25 per kid*

Checks to made out to Christ Church with <u>"All Church Retreat"</u> in the memo line.

Mail to Rev. Julie Yarborough (561 Springfield Ave. Summit, NJ 07901)

WHEN: We gather Friday night after dinner & leave Sunday late morning WHERE: Grove Hall, Ocean Grove NJ two blocks from the Ocean WHO: All are invited! Friends are welcome.

*Let us know if cost is prohibitive there are scholarships available

"Raising Race Conscious Children": a webinar is being offered on Sunday night, **September 23rd**. A small group will be gathering at the Summit home of Marybeth Doctor that night to participate in the webinar. The cost is \$25. If interested, please contact Rev. Julie Yarborough revjy@ccsnj.org.

Dialogue Circles on Race: is a project of the Anti-racism Committee of the Summit Interfaith Council. It is a safe place to explore issues of race, share our responses to challenging reading material, listen carefully to others, deepen our self-awareness and explore ways to make our communities more equitable for all. Meet with a small group to discuss topic questions, and share your unique perspective. Five, twohour group sessions will be offered during the **weeks of Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4 and 11** led by trained facilitators. We have two curricula – Dialogue 1.0 for new participants and "deeper dive" Dialogue 2.0 for returning participants. **Please sign up asap but no later than September 30th at**

https://antiracismcommittee.wufoo.com/forms/dialogucircles-on-race-fall-2018/ or contact Melissa at summitantiracismcommittee@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Date: for our upcoming **October 6th** Bridges Run! We need around 200 lunches: email cdean@ccsnj.org if you are able to help out.

Volunteers (8th -12th graders & adult chaperones) are also needed.

Nicaragua Donation Time: our Christ Church deadline for the next PeaceWorks humanitarian aid shipment to Nicaragua is set for **Saturday Oct 6th**. To our long-term partner organizations in Nicaragua who have suffered through recent national turmoil, it is life-affirming to receive your gifts of gently used, no-longer-needed goods: Summer clothing/swimwear/shoes; bed and bath linens; sturdy dolls and toys; unbreakable pots/pans/flatware; lawn/garden tools; baseball/soccer uniforms and equipment; school/crafts/office supplies; laptops; small flat-screen TVs; small appliances. Clean and working items only! Please box or bag donations and leave in "Nicaragua room" in church basement (follow signs). For bulky donations e.g. fridge, washing machine, gas stove, set of office furniture, please check with Marilyn Devroye 908-956-5826 mptd@msn.com or Dan Ocone 908-273-0968 ocone@math.rutgers.edu

Student Partner Alliance Mentor Training: join us on Tuesday, **September 25**th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Patrick Fennell, mentor trainer and motivational speaker will lead this workshop on establishing, developing and enhancing a mentor - mentee relationship.

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP at <u>jeliasof@studentpartneralliance.org</u> or call 908-522-0405. Thank you!