Christ Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, September 9, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **Sunday school** schedule:

Nursery (Room B-109)
Room B-205
Movie (Media Rm)
Basement
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

Solutions to Plastic Pollution: On Sunday, **September 16**, 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 Nance Davies at <u>nancydavies@msn.com</u>.

Family Service Field Trip: Sunday, **September 23rd** from 1-3 pm, families with children ages 6-11 are invited to work at the Community FoodBank of NJ in Hillside. Most volunteer opportunities at the FoodBank are only for ages 12 and up, but September 23rd is a special work day for families with younger children! There are a few spots lefts! Register with Rev. Julie Yarborough at <u>reviv@ccsnj.org</u> to hold your spot!

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.

Bags to Benches Recycling Challenge: The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is partnering with Trex to collect and remove 500lbs of plastic bags **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

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.

<u>Save the Date</u>: 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! 0405. Thank you!