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An Open and Affirming Congregation
Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, November 25, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Infants - 3 year olds Nursery (Room B-109)

Pre-K & K Room B-205
1st – 5th graders ASSEMBLY
6th thru 7th graders Basement
8th thru 12th graders Stay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

December 2nd – Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:45-8:00pm

December 9th – Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30 pm

December 16th – Christmas Caroling All Youth 6-12th grade 5:00-6:30pm

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign: We need every family to do their part to help keep our spiritual community vibrant. Our goal is to increase our budget by 10% & to sign up 100 pledging units online as sustaining givers. You can give at https://ccsnj.breezechms.com/give/online.* For the next several weeks, you can sign up to be a sustaining member during coffee hour. You can also mail in your pledge card, drop it in the plate, or send an email to mypledge@ccsnj.org. Thank you for what you do to make Christ Church vibrant.

*Sustaining givers: After you sign up to give online, please email your pledge to mypledge@ccsnj.org to help us plan for the next year!

Board of World Fellowship Notes: During the fall, the Board of World Fellowship reviews the charities that the church supports. Last year, the congregation helped fund over 30 non-profit groups. Many of our members are active supporters of these charities, donating their personal time and money. If you are involved with a charity that you would like the Board to consider supporting, please see Laura Engelhardt during coffee hour or email bwf@christchurchsummit.org.

<u>Family Promise – Hospitality Week!</u>: Our Family Promise guests will be here **December 2-9.** Guests need us to provide simple yet yummy dinners each night they're here. Unsure as to whether this good deed is for you? Email Yesenia Reichart at yreichart@gmail.com for more details.

Please sign up via Sign Up Genius http://www.signups.ccsnj.org/ You are also welcome to sign up for set up, break down, and evening (7:30-9:30 PM) shifts. On behalf of the Hospitality Group and our guests, thank you!! New Volunteers are most welcome!

Advent Workshop: Please join us for the Advent Workshop on December 2nd right after the service. (We will not have an 11:15 Worship service that day.) This year we will do some service projects to support area non-profits, spend quality time together, enjoy lunch and Christmas caroling. Please RSVP to mattie.azurmendi@gmail.com if you can attend. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

<u>Items needed for Advent Workshop December 2nd.</u> Please bring the following items to the church atrium by **Thursday**, **November 30**: Holiday gift wrap

Mugs and Hot cocoa mix in individual packets Powdered soup mix in individual packets Old T-shirts in adult sizes Gently Used Children's Books

WREATH DECORATING for ADVENT WORKSHOP: We're trying something a little different this year. Wreath decorating will be offered after the lunch and carol sing for the Advent Workshop. It will be held in the Art Room. Wreath decorating costs \$20 per wreath, with pre-signup required. We need a minimum of 15 wreath signups to hold this event. Parents & children aged 8+ are welcome, accompanied by an adult. Take home a beautifully decorated wreath, with the joy of creating it yourselves! Please email Penny Vigilante at pvigilante1@gmail.com by Monday, 11/26, with name(s), email and contact info, in order to reserve a spot.

SEEKING PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS: Are you available on Saturday, January 26, 20019? Do you live in Summit or the surrounding towns? Do you like to entertain but are daunted by the thought of inviting guests, planning and preparing a dinner party menu? If so, let Church Life do the work for you. We'll send out the invites, assign guests, provide directions & take care of the food & drink. Interested? Contact Carol Angle at carolangle@aol.com.

Stay Anchored: A Stable Faith in Life's Storms:

Camp Bernie Youth Retreat **February 8**th – **10**th **2019** 6th-12th Graders & Chaperones Sign Up Today!

COST: \$161

WHO: Youth from all over New Jersey.

CHECKS: Make checks out to Christ Church & put "Camp Bernie" in the memo line (Turn into Rev. Caroline Dean)

Early Registration: Nov 11-Dec 16, 2018 Final Deadline: Jan 6 2019 (Earn the right to sign up first for Bernie activities!)

<u>First Friends of NJ and NY</u> is a nonprofit organization supported by your contributions through our Board of World Fellowship. Its mission is to promote hope, personal connection, and compassion to detained immigrants and asylum seekers. Volunteers visit in detention centers, write to pen pals, assist with post-release, or advocate. Contact Barbara Von Klemperer at 908-400-0315 or besvk@aol.com.

What is A Course In Miracles? our own Eileen O'Brien has been studying this course for many years and is presently in a teacher training program. If you are curious about *A Course in Miracles*, join us on **Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 pm in Barnwell Hall**. Eileen will be explaining to us how the course can offer us a new relationship with our worries, our bodies, our behavior, and that of others'. Its profound message is applicable beyond our specific life situations and to all of them, beyond ours individually and to all of ours collectively. To RSVP interest and for more information contact Eileen O'Brien eileeno711@verizon.net</u>. Bring a friend and drop ins are welcome!