Christ Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, November 3, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **<u>Sunday school</u>** schedule:

Nursery care for Infants – age 3 is available from 8:30 – 12:30 each Sunday in Room B-109. Pre-K - K Room B-205

1st– 2nd graders 3rd – 5th graders 6th - 12th graders Room B-205 Cooking BH Creation Station Rm B-206 Stay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

November 3rd - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:30-8:00pm November 17th - Thanksgiving Service Project (all Youth) 5:00-7:00 pm

Christ Church History: We have historical documents that we need scanned so that we can preserve some of the essential history of the church. But what to save and what to toss. Could you help us go through a few cabinets to sort things out? If you are interested in being part of a committee, shoot a note of interest to brenda@ccsnj.org

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda: today during coffee hour, please join us in Barnwell Hall. We will have an Ofrenda (altar) set up to celebrate the Day of the Dead. A traditional Mexican holiday which combines elements of indigenous culture and Catholicism, Dia de los Muertos, allows families to gather, remember & pray for family members & friends who have passed and to help support their spiritual journey. It celebrates their lives with food, drink and the activities they enjoyed while they were alive. Please bring photographs or mementos that you would like placed on the altar (please label) as we create a community Ofrenda to remember our loved ones. Items will be returned. If you have any questions, please contact Milla Trigos at <u>latrigos@comcast.net</u>.

Evening Quest: join us **Wednesday, Nov 13, 7:15pm**, in **Lile Hall**. We meet the 2nd Wednesday each month for reflection and/or sharing within this "smaller-group" church community. (Newcomers always welcome - come as your schedule allows.) In November, we will view a short NOOMA video, reflect and discuss. If you want to be added to the email reminder list for updates (where applicable, a link to the month's discussion article), send a note to Krista Witkowski: <u>kristago@yahoo.com</u>.

Family Promise – Hospitality Week!: Our Family Promise guests will be here **November 17-24.** 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.

You can sign up beginning November 1st via Sign Up Genius <u>http://www.signups.ccsnj.org/</u> will be available 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!** **Nicaragua Coffee and Alternative-Gift Sale**: Holiday season is approaching! At coffee hour on **Sunday 11/17** and again on **Sunday 11/24**, you can buy bags of **fresh-roasted organic coffee from Nicaragua**, for your coffee-loving self or as a holiday gift for someone special. And for the relative or friend who has everything, you can purchase a handsome **Nicaragua alternative-gift card**: your donation will go to whichever Nicaragua partner organization you choose. See you in Barnwell Hall for this two-Sunday event!

The Music & Fine Arts Committee is calling for submissions for an exhibit, "Sacred in the Ordinary." Is there an object that is part of your daily meditations? A ring you twirl thinking of a loved one, or a flea-market painting that reminds you of the Divine, we're exploring the role of God in small places & things. To submit an item, we ask for a paragraph or two about the role of the object in your life and/or meditations, and to borrow the object itself or a photo of it for the exhibit. For more information email Michelle Urcuyo at <u>mobishobel@gmail.com</u> with subject "SinO Submission", or call 703-598-2631.

SOS Donation Update: In June, we made an SOS donation to Inhijambia (a project of Peaceworks) that provides the street children of Managua, Nicaragua with shelter, counseling, education, and job training with the goal of getting young girls and boys off the dangerous streets and on their way to a productive life. Despite the Level 3 Travel Alert that drastically reduced the organization's ability to source staff and volunteers, with your support, Inhijambia remains committed to their mission, continuing to provide critical services to the people who depend on them.

The Green New Deal: is the subject for a presentation sponsored by Summit Area GreenFaith Circle. Rev. Ronald Tuff, GreenFaith Black Church Engagement Director and a pastor at First Bethel Baptist Church in Irvington, and Marian Glenn will speak, moderated by Daniela Gioseffi. All are welcome to attend at Summit's Beacon Unitarian Congregation, 4 Waldron Street, on Tuesday, **Nov. 12**th from 7 to 9 PM. Please ask Marian Glenn if you have questions.

Advent Workshop: Please join us for the Advent Workshop on December 8th 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. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family.