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An Open and Affirming Congregation Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, November 4, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Infants - 3 year olds	Nursery (Room B-109)
Pre-K & K	Room B-205
1st – 3rd graders	Creation Corner (B206)
4th – 5th graders	Good News Games (B-210)
6th thru 12th graders	Stay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

November 11th – Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:45-8:00pm November 18th – Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:45-8:00pm

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign:

We need every family to do their part to help us 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 online at <u>https://ccsnj.breezechms.com/give/online.*</u> 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 <u>mypledge@ccsnj.org</u>. 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 <u>mypledge@ccsnj.org</u> to help us plan for the next year!

TODAY Dia De Los Muertos: join us **today** after the 9:30 am service we will be decorating an Ofrenda in Barnwell Hall in honor of the Day of the Dead. If you would like to participate, please bring in a picture of a loved one or one of the loved one's favorite item (such as food or drink) to place on the Ofrenda. We will have sugar skulls to decorate and stencils and tissue paper to cut out to make papel picado, the garlands that decorate all festive celebrations in Mexico.

The Gathering Place - A Memory Cafe

Members and friends with memory loss are welcome to attend The Gathering Place with their care partners on the first, Wednesday of every month beginning **November** 7. This new initiative will be held in Lile Hall from 12 noon to 2:00 with a light nutritious lunch, music, exercises, storytelling, art, support, and socialization. Care partners can talk with other care partners around the table. Free. RSVP to <u>brenda@ccsnj.org</u>

NICARAGUA ALTERNATIVE GIFT EVENT: Sunday November 11

at coffee hour: Visit display tables, support our partner organizations in Nicaragua. Organic coffee from Nicaragua also for sale. See you there! **"Paper People"** Art Exhibit: During our All Church Retreat we spent time tracing or drawing our bodies. We reflected upon the gifts that our bodies bring to the world. Stop by Barnwell Hall today and use it as a time to reflect on the many gifts that your body brings to our church community and our wider world. Say a prayer for the many diverse bodies in our congregation - those who are in need of healing, the bodies who are vulnerable or lonely and the ones who are on your heart.

When Tweeting #MeToo Is Not Enough: A Time for Healing

Conversations: Talking face-to-face with other women who have had personal experiences of sexual harassment, abuse or assault can be a powerful antidote to the embarrassment and shame that has kept many of us silent and alone with our pain. It is clear that many of us here in our Christ Church community are ready to break that silence.

Please join us to speak more deeply about the emotional, relational, behavioral and spiritual effects we have experienced. We will focus on recognizing our strengths and survival strategies. We will explore ways to affirm our wholeness and vitality.

We are asking for a three-session commitment in order to create a safe and stable space to tell our stories and to create maximum support for healing.

Monday Evenings **November 5, 12 & 19**th 7:30-9:00pm in Lile Hall Facilitators: Rev. Julie Yarborough

Sharon McCombie,LCSW (with over 40 years of experience working with survivors of sexual aggression)

<u>Age-ing and Sage-ing:</u> Curious about what goes on in the end stages of your life? What are the challenges and opportunities? What are the "tasks" that come with the territory? What does brain research tell us? Join us Sunday, **November 11th**, 10:45 am to 12:00 pm.

Anyone who is or who will be 60 is welcome. For more information, please contact Leigh Rosoff (<u>rleigh95@aol.com</u>)

Evening Quest: join us for our monthly women's discussion group on Wednesday, **November 14, at 7:15pm**, in Lile Hall. Our "Quest Series" this year will expand on the "Why (still) Christian?" themes from this summer's Sunday services... These are broad topics, which allow opportunity for some interesting discussion: Community, Brokenness, God, Forgiveness, Heaven & Hell. Looking forward to another season of reflection and sharing with this "smaller-group" church community!

For more information: email Krista Witkowski kristago@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE! PROGRESSIVE DINNER JANUARY 26, 2019

You won't want to miss Christ Church's biggest social event of the year.

SEEKING PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS: Are you available on Saturday, January 26, 2019? 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 and take care of the food and drink. All you will need to do is get out the china and set the table for 8-10 (ideally 10). Pick up the prepared dinner and wine at 4 pm. Follow directions for reheating the food. Get dressed in your party clothes. Attend the cocktail party. Serve dinner at your house to your guests. Interested? Contact Carol Angle at carolangle@aol.com.

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