

Christ Church

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, December 15, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **Sunday school** 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– 5th graders	Christmas Card Making (B-206)
6th– 7th graders	Basement
8th - 12th graders	Stay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

December 15th - Prepare for Bridges Run/Christmas Party

Middle School 5:00-6:30 High School 6:30-8:00 pm

December 16th - Bridges Run at 4:00 pm

Holiday Schedule:

Sunday December 15th: special Christmas music with Chancel Choir
and guest musicians 9:30 and 11:15 services

Sunday December 22nd: Two services 9:30 am and 11:15 am, music led
by youth/young adult choir.

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM – Rehearsal for Pageant – all children welcome!

5:00 PM – Children's Pageant & Family Service

10:30 PM - Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 29th: One service at 9:30 am

January 5th: One service for New Year Bonfire Ritual

Our 2020 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>.* 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!

Donation to Bridges: In lieu of white paper gifts this year, we ask that you consider purchasing long underwear thermal sets for our homeless population in NYC and Newark, NJ. Bridges has expressed a great need for thermals this winter. Sets will be available to purchase on **Sunday, December 15 and December 22** before and after service. Each set is \$15. Any sets purchased before Monday, December 16th will be handed out by our youth as they attend our last Bridges Run for the year. This is a wonderful way to give back and help keep someone warm all winter long! Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Bridges Lunches Drop Off in Barnwell Hall

We are gathering 200 lunches for our Confirmation Bridges run on Monday, **December 16th**. If you are available to help make 10-15 lunches or more email Ashley at Ashley@ccsnj.org
Drop off the lunches on Sunday (or Monday before 3 pm) in the kitchen in Barnwell Hall.

First Friends Training: we invite you to learn how to become an immigration detention visitor and post-release volunteer at an orientation session in Barnwell Hall Thursday, **December 19**, 7.30-9.30PM. First Friends of NJ & NY provides supportive volunteer visits for detainees and asylum seekers in four NJ jails and detention centers and also arranges post-release services such as transportation and temporary accommodations for immigrants who get released. For additional information about First Friends' vital and meaningful programs, see www.firstfriendsnjny.org or contact Barbara Von Kemplerer at besvk@aol.com or 908-400-0315.

Save the Date for Our Progressive Dinner January 25, 2019:

The Progressive Dinner, is our biggest social event of the year! Deanna Smeltz & Jamil Nazarali are graciously hosting cocktails. After cocktails, we will break out to host homes for great conversation, a lovely dinner and dessert. It's a fun way to meet the wonderful people in our congregation!

SEEKING PROGRESSIVE DINNER HOSTS. Are you available on **Saturday, January 25, 2020?** 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. Here's all you will need to do! Get out the china and set the table for 8-12 (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 or 908-918-1005.

SOS Donation Update: This month, the BWF approved donations to aid several local and international charities, specifically: \$500 to the Sage ElderCare's meals on wheels program to support their "lettuce campaign" to get fresh food to our elderly neighbors, \$1,000 to GreenFaith, to support their efforts to combat the climate crisis, and \$5,000 to Inhijambia to support their continuing efforts for the people of Nicaragua as the charity recovers from the severe local political unrest that devastated their international fundraising capabilities and financial stability.

Let Justice Roll Concert Save the Date: February 16th at 3:00pm. There will be more information to follow in the new year.

Women's Retreat Save the Date: March 7 & 8th. There will be more information to follow in the new year.

