

# Christ Church

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, December 9, 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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| Pre-K & K             | Room B-205              |
| 1st – 5th graders     | Christmas Movie (B-210) |
| 6th thru 7th graders  | Basement                |
| 8th thru 12th graders | Stay in Worship         |

### Upcoming Youth Events:

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30 pm

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Caroling All Youth 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mypledge@ccsnj.org) to help us plan for the next year!

### Holiday Schedule:

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Cantata 9:30 and 11:15 services

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Two services 9:30 am and 11:15 am

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**December 30<sup>th</sup>:** One service at 9:30 am

**January 6<sup>th</sup>:** New Year Bonfire Ritual

**Christmas Pageant & Family Service:** Does a child in your family have a Christmas piece they can play on an instrument? It is that time of year again, when our young people offer their musical gifts in worship! On **Monday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will once again invite the children of Christ Church to play their instruments at the 5 pm Christmas Eve service. Please email [mmiller@ccsnj.org](mailto:mmiller@ccsnj.org) in the next 2 weeks so we can include your child's selection in the bulletin.

## **BRIDGES HOLIDAY GIFTS!**

### **This Sunday December 9th:**

During coffee hour, our youth will have a table of thermal underwear that you can purchase for our holiday Bridges Run. We need 100 pieces of thermal underwear to hand out to the homeless community in New York City and so we need your help! Each thermal will be priced at \$5.00.

### **Sunday December 16th:**

We are collecting Hats & Gloves for our Bridges Run on December 17th. Bring them to worship on Sunday December 16th (unwrapped) or drop them off at the church office anytime between now and December 14th.

### **Bridges Lunches:**

Our confirmation class (8th graders) will do their confirmation holiday run on December 17th to deliver our gifts & lunches. We also need 180 lunches from the congregation donated on Dec 16th or 17th (before 5:30pm) in the Refrigerator in Barnwell Hall.

**To all members and friends of Christ Church:** The Executive Board

invites you to join us **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** following the first service for the **Annual Financial Review Meeting**.

Included will be the status of 2018 budget and a preliminary version of 2019 operating budget. We plan to bring the 2019 budget proposal to the congregation for a vote in January. Steve Jones will be on hand to answer questions. All Board and Committee Chairs should plan to attend or find an alternate to attend.

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

Camp Bernie Youth Retreat **February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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!)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 26, 2019!** Come join Christ Church for the **Progressive Dinner**, our biggest social event of the year! Deanna Smeltz & Jamil Nazarali are graciously hosting cocktails again. 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!

**First Friends of NJ and NY** 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](mailto:besvk@aol.com).

**TODAY Compassionate Friends:** TCF Chatham invites all bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings to our Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony. Join us on **Today, December 9 at 6:30 pm** at The Presbyterian Church of Chatham 240 Southern Blvd, Chatham, NJ.

**Items needed for Advent Workshop December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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