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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Inspire Welcome Serve

Sumday, February 23, 2020

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.

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Pre-K - K Room B-205

1st - 5th graders Women at the Well (B206) 6th - 7th graders Women at the Well (Atrium)

8th - 12th graders Stay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

March 1st - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:30-8:00pm

March 6-7th – Confirmation Retreat

Black History Month Challenge: During the 4 Sundays of **February** there will be an interactive display of prominent persons of color set up in Barnwell Hall. Pictures of 11 unidentified people will be laid out on 3 tables. In the middle of each table will be a stack of index cards, briefly describing one of the people and their accomplishments. The challenge is to match each description with the appropriate person's picture. Answers are on the back of pictures and index cards.

Work with a partner or as a family.

TODAY Popcorn Discussion: join us on **February 23rd** after the first service in Lile Hall. We will address "Monuments: Symbols of Heritage or Oppression? Which way forward?" moderated by Donovan Sherman and framed with facts by history teacher Rick Morey. Come and consider a range of perspectives on this question and its relevance for our time.

<u>Ash Wednesday Service:</u> Feb 26th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary Join us as we find a quiet, meditative space to prepare us for Lent.

Cocktail Party: The Shooks will be hosting a cocktail party for people new to Christ Church at their home in Maplewood at 99 Oakland Road, Saturday, **Feb 29 from 4 − 6 pm**. If you are new to the church please join us! If you live in the Maplewood/South Orange area and have friends who are curious about Christ Church, please come and bring them!

PLAYGROUP: Parents of children 4 and under, bring your kids to a play group in the church nursery on Saturday, **Feb 29** from 9:30 - 11:00. While the kids play, we can get to know one another. Coffee will be provided. For information, contact Alyssa Wolfe at alyssa.e.wolfe@gmail.com

Let Justice Roll Concert Save the Date: This year Christ Church Summit is once again delighted to present *Let Justice Roll*. Please join us here at Christ Church, and enjoy inspiring gospel music and songs of justice! Immediately following the concert, there will be a reception where you can enjoy some light refreshments and a have a chance to meet all the talented artists. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this uplifting concert! *All proceeds will support our organ restoration*.

WHEN: Sunday, March 1st at 3:00p.m.

WHERE: Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ ADMISSION: At the door \$25, In Advance \$20 and Students \$15 New Member Sunday! Our next New Member Sunday is, March 1st at the 9:30 am service. If you are interested in joining Christ Church, please email Jeff & Gretchen Shook at shookjshook@gmail.com gretko2000@yahoo.com for more information.

Nomi- Human Trafficking: Join us on Sunday, **March 1**st for an adult ed presentation on preventing human trafficking presented by President and Co-Founder, Diana Mao. Nomi apparel and accessories will be available for purchase in Barnwell hall to help support the Nomi organization.

The Gathering Place - A Memory Cafe Wednesday, March 4th. Members and friends with memory loss are welcome to attend The Gathering Place with their care partners on the first, Wednesday of every month. We meet in Lile Hall from 12 to 2:00 pm with a light nutritious lunch, music, exercises, storytelling, art, support, and socialization.

Suggested donation \$5. RSVP to Brenda Dodds at brenda@ccsnj.org

Men's Group on Healthy Masculinity: About a year ago Rev. Chuck led a discussion group on how male gender identity influences everything we think and do as men. After some reflection and discussion, it's time to revisit our own feelings on what being a "Man" really means. Our men's group will be meeting at 7:30 on March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3. Greg Mayes will be hosting on March 4th. Please join us for one or all of these meetings. Below are resources to provide background. Dr. Katz's TED talk is meant to be provocative but not insulting. Please use these resources as opportunities for discussion and not conflict.

https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue?language=en

https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/what-we-mean-when-we-say-toxic-masculinity

Age-ing and Sage-ing: 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, **March 8th**, 10:45 am to 12:00 pm in Barnwell.

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

The 24th Annual Christ Church Women's Retreat will be held March 7-8, 2020 at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. The theme is *My Cup Overflows: Gratitude, Abundance and Generosity* and the cost is \$130 (\$90 for days only). To reserve a spot, please send in a check to Rev. Julie Yarborough made out to Christ Church with "Women's Retreat" in memo line, or pay through the donate button at christchurchsummit.org, concerts/events, with "retreat" in comments. Cost is \$134/\$93 if paying with credit card. Friends are welcome!

White Privilege: Let's Talk, is an adult curriculum from the UCC that's designed to invite our Christ Church community to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, & bold conversations on race. Frederick Taylor-Kincaid, Chuck Gelber and Judy Fischer (admin) will facilitate the 2020 program, which consists of 6 consecutive weekly sessions from Tuesday, Mar 10 - Apr 14, 7:30pm - 9:30pm in Lile Hall. For more info contact Frederick fkincaid@hotmail.com or Chuck cmgelber123@gmail.com.