Christ Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, March 8, 2020

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 - KRoom B-2051st - 5th gradersMonologue of Martha (Barnwell Hall)6th - 7th gradersMartha and Mary (Atrium)8th - 12th gradersStay in Worship

Upcoming Youth Events:

March 8th - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:30-8:00pm March 22nd - Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30pm High School Youth 6:30-8:00pm March 27th - Lock Out (High School only)

Sundays of Sharing! Each year during Lent, Christ Church asks for special offerings in our Sundays of Sharing (SOS) campaign. We use these donations throughout the year to respond financially to crises in the world. From disaster relief (e.g. the Catholic Charities after the fire in Patterson, NJ and Nehemiah Gateway after the earthquake in Albania), to addressing the increase in homelessness and opioid addiction (e.g. Family Promise and Damon House), to changing hearts and minds (e.g. the SPLC after the 2019 increase in hate crimes). Your donations are used to fund projects and initiatives by many charities around the world who help to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth. Use the SOS envelope in the pew, click the 'donate' button on Christ Church's website and select SOS, or contact the BWF for more information: bwf@christchurchsummit.org.

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 <u>fkincaid@hotmail.com</u> or Chuck <u>cmgelber123@gmail.com</u>.

Death and Dying: join us **March 15th** after the first service, we will continue our death and dying series. John Houston will speak about dying and the arrangements for afterwards. Leigh Rosoff and Chuck Gelber will speak about talking with your family and your doctor. Roz Kendellen will summarize the documents to have on hand to carry out your wishes. Kirk will talk about consulting with the ethics committee at the hospital. There will be time for discussion. Please come, including Aging & Saging participants!

Sarah from Nicaragua! Save the date: Sunday, **March 22** at coffee hour in Barnwell Hall, Sarah Junkin Woodard will be visiting us from the Jubilee House Community in Nicaragua. All are invited to Sarah's slide show on the political situation in Nicaragua, and on ways we can continue to support and learn from the Jubilee House group. There will also be crafts from Nicaragua for sale!

Annual Max Gottstein Blood & Platelet Drive: on Thursday, March 26th come help us save lives in memory of Max Gottstein, a loving, spirited member of Christ Church who lost his battle with cancer just before his 6th birthday. We are teaming up with Robert Wood Johnson to collect blood and platelets at Franklin Elementary School, 136 Blackburn Road, Summit. Appointments are encouraged at <u>rwjuhdonorclub.org</u>. Childcare and snacks are available! We will also be collecting toys for oncology patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

<u>**Civil Rights Program:**</u> on Sunday **March 29**, following the first service, we will welcome former Freedom Rider Rev. Brooks Smith and Helen Beglan, a former member of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham to present a program on their experiences during the Civil Rights Movement.