

Weekly Church Chat from Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River

This email provides events/ deadlines for the upcoming week or so and may not represent all scheduled activities at Christ Church.

Thursday, August 17, 2017

New Ministry at Christ Church for those in Hospice: Parishioner Susan Morgan is offering an important new ministry to members of Christ Church. Please see letter on the name tag table explaining this ministry. This is another way we take care of one another as the Body of Christ. If you have any questions please contact Susan at simorgan19@comcast.net.

Christ Church LGBT group re-forming: Meetings or social events will be the third Friday each month beginning at 7pm. Planning/reorganizational meeting TOMORROW Friday 8/18. We are seeking those in our congregation who identify themselves as LGBT. Join us as we plan for future social events. See Helene Phillips or Melissa Briggs for details. Flyer will be on bulletin board in hallway.

Rummage Sale will be held Thursday, September 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will be setting up and pricing on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12 from 9 to 3 and Wednesday, September 13 from 9 to noon. Donations of clothing, knick-knacks, glassware, shoes, handbags, books, jewelry, small furniture, working appliances (NO TVs) can be dropped off Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12 from 9 to 3. We need volunteers for sorting, pricing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Need help in setting up tables. And help on Monday morning getting things from downstairs up. If you can help please call Janet at 848-227-5698 or just come.

Church School News from Hilda Rivera: Dear Christ Church families, Church School is starting up soon. Blessing of the Backpacks will be on **September 3rd** during the 9:30 a.m. service, with a parent/teacher meeting to follow after service has ended. I am asking for at least one parent from every family participating this year to please attend because we have some new things beginning this year that we would like your opinions on. If you are enrolling your child this year but are unable to attend, please contact me to let me know so I can provide you with any important information given at the meeting. My email is hmrivera@comcast.net. Class itself will officially begin on **September 10th**, with youth group beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the rest of church school beginning in the chapel at 10:00 am.

The new "Safe Haven" Ministry at Christ Church

Please pick up the handout describing this new ministry which was distributed at the Adult Forum. It is on the nametag table. If you have any questions or would like to talk further about this ministry, please speak with Deacon Ted.

Save the Date! Coffee & Cake Concert, September 24, 3:00p.m. More information to follow.

Annual Picnic: We will hold our Annual All Parish Church Picnic on Sunday, **September 10th**, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Food, fun for all ages (pie-eating contest, water balloons & piñatas) and live music. Music: Kenny Jacks All-Star Band with Luis and Anjelica, Frank Johnson on Bagpipes, Lucas Maciel and The Pollys. Hamburgers, hot dogs and iced tea will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. **Please see sign-up sheet on Name Tag Table.** We especially need help with cooking (grill) and clean up.. As **9/11 is a Day of Service and Remembrance**, we will collect non-perishable goods for our Food Pantry. The food collected is used to serve those in need in our immediate community. Boxes will be available outside the picnic area and outside the church entrances to collect your donations. Should you have any questions, please speak with Dan Goss or Melissa Briggs, or email ChristChurchEvents@yahoo.com.

Fall Icon Workshop The annual icon workshop will be held the following Saturdays: September 16 & 30, October 7 and 21, and the hours are 9-4. We will be painting icons of St. George and the Dragon, or an icon of the Virgin. The cost is \$130, which is the cost of materials. If you have any questions email suzanne.schleck@comcast.net.

Crafters Needed We are looking for crafters for the Christmas Fair, whatever you are skilled at (knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or whatever), to donate for the craft table. Thank you. Judy Beck [732-477-8860](tel:732-477-8860); Joann Meehan [732-240-7543](tel:732-240-7543); Marion Shabinaw [732-341-0781](tel:732-341-0781).

FOOD PANTRY- This week's most urgent pantry needs are: Cereal, long-life milk, chicken soup, juice, canned fruit (any kind), vegetable oil, sugar, flour, salt, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes. We are also in need of: macaroni and cheese, all other soups (except Tomato) and peanut butter. Thank you, as always, for your support!