

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.

June 1, 2018

TOMORROW! Community Fair June 2, 2018 — JBJ Soul Kitchen (1769 Hooper Ave., Toms River) The Community Fair is a FREE event. Christ Church will be participating along with many community agencies providing information on what valuable resources they offer to the community. Agencies include Housing Assistance, The People's Pantry, Fulfill (Foodbank), WIC, Diabetes Education, Veterans Help, Parks and Recreation, YMCA, Mental Health Association, Children's Home Society, Caregivers, and many more. This is a family event! There will be Face Painting, Crafts, Dancing and Performances for children. Health and Dental Screenings will be available for children and adults. Food will be provided by the JBJ Soul Kitchen.

THIS SUNDAY! Christ Church Garden Blessing -- Our Christ Church Garden is planted. The produce grown provides fresh vegetables to our food pantry. There will be an official Garden Blessing on Sunday at 9am in the garden. Please join us!

Baccalaureate Weekend is June 9/10! The weekend that we recognize our graduates. This service puts the meaning behind the graduation. We celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates, but we also send them out in God's name to continue their education at a new level or to begin new ministries. If you are graduating from College, High School, Intermediate School, or earning an advanced degree or a technical degree, or a certificate of completion for a course of study, please contact the church office and give us your name. We want to list all graduates at Christ Church in our bulletin for that day. **Please email names by June 3rd to christchurchtomsriver@verizon.net.**

In honor of **GAY PRIDE** month - the Christ Church LGBT Group cordially invites our entire church family to a night of **COUNTRY LINE DANCING & KARAOKE** on Saturday, June 9th from 7-10pm in Disciples Hall. *FREE* *LIGHT REFRESHMENTS* *DONATIONS ACCEPTED* *SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY - BRING ONE CANNED FOOD ITEM TO DONATE* Questions – contact Helene or Melissa

– **The Order of St. Luke Informational Meeting** on Saturday, June 16th at 10 AM in the Chapel for anyone interested in becoming a part of this healing ministry. Please pray about this and see if the Lord is leading you to this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Perry at 732-349-2705 or Cathy O’Neill at 732-458-1229.

– **Father’s Day—Sunday June 17th(and Sat 16th)** Bring your father to church this weekend as we honor and celebrate our fathers. If your father cannot come to church that day or is deceased, please bring a photo.

The Next **Town Hall Meetings** will be on June 16 & 17 immediately following each service. Please join us for recent updates and information.

The Daughters of the King **Anglican Prayer Bead Workshop** on Saturday June 30 at 1:30 in our Library. *If you have pre-purchased kit(s) OR you would like to help our Members make 50 sets of prayer beads, please join us. There is no cost. The recipients of the prayer beads that our Members and helpers make will be gifts to our homebound parishioners.* Join us in fellowship and service! Any Questions please contact Caroline Saunders 732-228-9904 or csaunders928@gmail.com

– **Holy Baptism at Christ Church:** Do you desire your child(ren) or yourself to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? If so, Mother Joan will be officiating only one more Holy Baptism (July 1) prior to her

retirement. If interested, please contact the Church Office immediately to schedule — christchurchtomsriver@verizon.net or 732-349-5506

The Jersey Shore Piping & Drumming Classic is on Saturday, July 14th starting at 8am. Solo piping and drumming competitions in the morning and band competitions in the afternoon ending with a massed band playing on the front lawn. NO admission fee, however we are selling \$5.00 50/50 tickets to help support the event. It cost about \$8,000 to run this event so we are also looking for sponsors. Volunteers also needed. Come out for a few hours and help. There is a signup sheet on our band bulletin board in church hallway or call Frank Johnson at [848-333-9784](tel:848-333-9784). Website is jerseyshorecelticfestival.com .
Come out and support bagpipe and drumming to keep it alive.

****10:15AM COFFEE HOUR HOST NEEDED ON SUNDAY JUNE 17!!****

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Can you help cover a Sunday even just 1 or 2 times a year? Coffee Hour is an important part of our serve and time with one another. Is Hospitality one of your gifts? Not sure? Consider being a host. It is easy and you don't do it alone. Why not give it a try...we will train you. Contact Melissa Briggs 732-267-6470.

The Food Pantry's current needs are: Peanut butter, grape jelly, vegetable soup, tuna fish, long life milk, canned tomatoes. Thank you, as always, for your support of our ministry.

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Office Hours: M-F, 9am-3pm