

Weekly Church Chat from Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River

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

September 27, 2018

****MONDAY** Got Questions About Life? Want some Answers?**

Come to Alpha! What is Alpha? A practical introduction to the Christian faith. The Course is on Mondays at 6:30 pm with dinner and runs thru December 3rd, with a weekend retreat November 2-4th. Sign up today! Registration forms available from Patti Russo or at Church.

Annual Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, October 6th at 3pm under Pettit Pavilion. All pets welcome (in crates or on leashes please!) Each participating pet will receive a certificate of blessing.

Sabbatical / Book Discussion - As previously announced, Deacon Ted will be taking a sabbatical Oct. 1 through Dec. 1. The focus of the sabbatical will be a study and prayer on Jesus. He has invited the entire parish to join him on this journey by reading one of his titles, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. You can read the book on your own. However, everyone is encouraged to join one of the book discussion groups or read it with a friend. One discussion group will be meeting in the Chapel on Sundays after the 9:45am service. A second group will be meeting in the Library on Mondays at 3pm. The groups will begin meeting the week of October 7. Deacon Ted plans to discuss the book and his sabbatical experience upon his return.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County Training for **Current & Future Volunteers** on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 1pm – 3:30pm at Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County Day Center 407 Lexington Ave., Toms River -- RSVP: oceanihn@gmail.com or 732-736-1550 by Oct 1st. Learn how you can become an IHNOC volunteer and how you can help provide Hope and Support to Homeless

Families with Children in Our Community. A light lunch will be provided.

71st Annual Christmas Fair is Saturday, November 10th. Volunteers are needed for: Manage of Raffle Books, Getting Donations and Ads, Arts & Crafts. Remember, one of your greatest gifts you can give is just a little bit of your time! For additional details, please call Marion Shabinaw 732-341-0781, Judy Beck 732-477-8860 or JoAnn Meehan 732-240-7543. **Crafters needed.** We need your handiwork for the Arts & Crafts table. Please call Anita Hope at 732-608-0060.

Ministries please choose a Basket Theme by October 29: There is a sign-up sheet on the Name Tag Table with a list of suggested Basket themes.

Our **FOOD PANTRY** is currently in need of the following items: tuna, chicken, cereal, oil, rice, flour, sugar, tomato sauce, long life milk. Items can be left in our bin near Disciples Hall at any time. Thank you, as always, for keeping us going.

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