

## **September 12, 2019**

### **THIS SUNDAY! Mark your Calendars...CHURCH SCHOOL**

**BEGINS 9/15/19** (ages pre-k and up) Church School Families please join us at 8:30am in Disciples Hall for **breakfast** as we kick-off our new Church School year!

If you haven't already registered for Church School forms will be available at the breakfast. Call or email the Church Office with questions at 732-349-5506.

Following the breakfast Church School (pre-k thru 6th grade) will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 for 20 minutes of MUSIC! and then proceed to the classrooms downstairs.

Confirmation Class will report directly to the Library for class.

All will rejoin parents in the Church for Communion.

### **THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY! Caregiver Volunteers of Central**

**Jersey (CVCJ)** is an interfaith organization that provides free services to persons 60 or older that no longer drive *and* to full-time caregivers of a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. On Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, Carol with CVCJ will visit Christ Church at each weekend service and explain the various services available and the many ways you can put *love thy neighbor* into action by volunteering!

### **United Thank Offering (UTO) Weekend is September 21 & 22:**

Join Episcopalians worldwide in thanks. Bring your filled UTO envelope or leave it in the Church office during the week. Please make checks payable to Christ Church and reference UTO in the Memo section. Additional UTO envelopes will be available at Church. Thank you.

**Experiencing God** — Begins September 21 (after the 5pm service) & September 22 (after the 9:45am service): Come and explore ways to grow in experiencing God's presence and love in your life. This offering is a more in depth discussion of the topic offered during the summer.

This topic was chosen based upon responses to the parish survey. Each gathering includes scripture reading(s) and opportunities for reflection

and discussion with the group. No advance preparation is required and materials will be provided. To assist in preparing adequate materials, registration is required. A sign-up sheet is available on the name tag table. Questions? Contact Pam Quatse, Gail Miller, Terry Ann Schwarz, or Mary Lou Steed.

**Evensong for Older Adults Honored by Diocese:** Christ Church parishioners Ellen Hansen and Irene Bauman have been selected by our Vestry and Clergy to represent Christ Church at the 2019 Celebration of Older Adults. Candidates had to be age 65 or older and have made a significant contribution to the life and ministry of the parish. The service is Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Trinity Cathedral. If you would like to attend the Evensong Service in Celebration of Ellen & Irene, please RSVP to the Church Office no later than September 22. All are invited. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Congratulations to Ellen & Irene! Our parish is truly blessed and grateful for ALL you do!

**IHN Families Arrive September 22!** -- Please see Volunteer Sign Up Board at Church and consider supporting this important ministry!

**Alpha Is Coming!** Alpha is a 10-week Course exploring basic Christianity, with a healthy portion of fun, fellowship and food thrown for good measure; and it's *FREE!* The Course begins on 9/23 @ 7 pm in the Chapel. Preview Alpha on the Christ Church Facebook page.

To register, email your name and contact information to [ALPHA.TomsRiver@gmail.com](mailto:ALPHA.TomsRiver@gmail.com) or complete a form from the Alpha Easel next to the Name Tag Table and give to the Church Office.

**Alpha Veterans:** If you have ever taken the Alpha Course and wish to help out on the upcoming one ~ Contact Patti Russo. Training for Leaders/Helpers is 9/16 at 7pm in the Chapel.

**Christ Church Book Club —**

meets on the 4th Tuesday each month in the Library at noon. The September selection is *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly. Although mysteries have been the main selections in the past, we will be expanding to include other fiction and non-fiction books. Come and add your ideas. Questions? Call Joyce Delaney (732) 606-1165 or Patti Russo (732) 506-0397.

**"Alfa for Couples" a program in Spanish** will be offered starting 9/24/19. This series of 7 monthly Tues evening meetings for couples will include a meal, video and discussion. For more information, contact Deacon José at 908-525-5370.

**2019 Icon Workshop:** The annual icon painting workshop will be held this year on four consecutive Saturdays: Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 23. We will meet in the Library from 9am until around 4pm each day. The icons we will be working on this year will be the icon of Elijah and the raven, or an icon of Archangel Michael. Registration forms are available on the Name Tag Table or in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Suzanne Schleck at [suzanne.schleck@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.schleck@comcast.net). Registration Deadline is September 30.

**Chronicle News:** For over 30 years The Chronicle has served as our main communication link for all Christ Church news, announcements, and event information. It was a lifeline to our parishioners. As we move forward with technology The Chronicle is now outdated and just a repeat of information that has already been circulated through announcements in church, Church Chat, Email, Bulletins, and Facebook. Soon this same information will also be included on our newly designed web page. In order to be good stewards of our time and resources we have decided it is time to “retire” The Chronicle.

If you have any information that needs to be published, please send it to the church office via email, or in a clearly written format. Nicole will then be sure it is included in all our media sources. I can guarantee you will not miss one piece of information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole for organizing and submitting the articles that were to be included each month, and for her work in printing, mailing and distributing the final product. I would also like to thank all the volunteers over the years whose ministry was to fold. This work made my job so much easier. I truly appreciate your dedication.

Joanne Gwin, Chronicle Editor (Retired)

**Devotional Candle Stands:** Did you know that there are Devotional Candles in both the church and the Chapel? Devotional candles offer you the opportunity to “lite a candle” while you say a prayer or give thought in remembrance or thanksgiving of a special someone or moment in your life. The candles in the Church are located in the back near the rocking chairs. The candles in the Chapel are located on the wall to the far left of the Altar.

**Christ Church Food Pantry:** The items we are most in need of this week are: rice, pasta sauce (jar or can), soups, cereal, tuna, oil, sugar, long life milk, canned chicken, carrots, corn, tomatoes. Your donations are directly helping those in need of food in our community. Thank you! If you would be interested in learning about volunteering at the Food Pantry, please reach out to Claire Koerner at 732-600-5709 or [Clairekoerner1503@gmail.com](mailto:Clairekoerner1503@gmail.com).