

# The Congregator

First Congregational Church of River Edge, New Jersey

a congregation of the United Church of Christ

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## To help you wait!

### Sunday, November 27

10:00 am  
11:15 am

### **Worship for the First Sunday of Advent**

Morning Worship  
Chrismon Service Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 30

12:00 Noon  
6:30 – 7:00 pm

Bible Study on the Book of Ruth  
Advent Evening prayers and communion  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and sharing of the Lord's Supper.

### Sunday, December 4

10:00 am  
4:00 pm

### **Worship for the Second Sunday of Advent**

Morning Worship  
Chrismon Service

### Wednesday, December 7

12:00 Noon  
6:30 – 7:00 pm

Bible Study on the Book of Ruth (final session)  
Advent Evening prayers and communion  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and sharing of the Lord's Supper.

### Sunday, December 11

10:00 am

### **Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent**

Morning Worship  
Choir Cantata

### Wednesday, December 14

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Advent Evening prayers and communion  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and sharing of the Lord's Supper.

### Sunday, December 18

10:00 am

### **Worship for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Morning Worship

### Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm  
10:00 pm

### **Christmas Eve**

Family Christmas Eve Service  
Candlelight Communion Service

### Sunday, December 25

10:00 am

### **Christmas Sunday Worship**

full of the carols and news of Christmas!

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Wedding

Suzanne Hamilton & Sam Saad  
November 5, 2016 (Sanctuary)  
Officiant – Rev. Dennis TeBeest

### Funeral/Memorial/Graveside Service

Robert Hart - October 21, 2016 (d.)  
Service – October 25, 2016  
Officiant – Rev. Dennis TeBeest

## LEGACY OF FAITH

A meaningful way to remember/honor loved ones and friends is to make contributions to the Memorial Fund, Renovation Fund, Music & Arts Fund or the General Fund of the First Congregational Church of River Edge.

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### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 26, 2016

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### WORSHIP TEAM

#### COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, December 4, during the 10:00 am. Worship Service. (The Communion bread is gluten-free.)

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### JOYS & CONCERNS LIST

Each Sunday, on the table to the right of the double doors to the Sanctuary, there is a place for you to write any prayers requests that you might want included during the service.

Janet Arena  
Worship Team - Leader

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### CAN YOU HELP?

Can you help? Counters are needed on Sunday mornings to process the worship offering. Teams are set up on a five-week rotation. To sign up or for further information, please see Don Huggett in the Board Room on any Sunday or call him at 201-261-2273. Your help is needed and very much appreciated! Thank you!

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The Education Team and the Worship Team invite you to share the spirit of Advent and Christmas by joining us in the decorating of the Sanctuary of the First Congregational Church on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM.

We will hang the greens, put up the tree, ready the crèche for the birth of baby Jesus and have good cheer. Hope to see you then.

Worship Team

Janet Arena, Leader

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### FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. We receive monetary donations to support the community food pantry through the Center for Food Action. Donation envelopes are in the bulletin each first Sunday of the month.

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### CHILD CARE AREA

There is a dedicated space for child care. Babies and toddlers up to three years of age may be brought to Pilgrim Hall on Sunday mornings. Cribs, furniture, toys and books have been selected for this area so that children will be comfortable while parents are attending worship. Ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

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## Advent

Our uncertain season is unfolding.

That sentence could lead in a multitude of directions. Certainly we are in a season of political uncertainty. The election of a new president has seemed to put everything—from finance to immigration, and from international relations to the environment—up for grabs and likely to change. And now a bitter election season has moved on to the next phase of constructing a Cabinet and an administration. Clearly, there will be massive energy and massive changes in the workings of our nation's government in the coming months . . . but just where we will head is still far from certain.

And it is a season of uncertainty in the life of the First Congregational Church of River Edge. I write this note on the 366<sup>th</sup> day of my presence as Acting Pastor. I would love to claim that much has stabilized and become clear in our year together, but truth is that our Direction forward is just coming out of a season of Dialogue and Congregational Conversation. Much will be discovered for this congregation in the coming months . . . of our vision for worship, outreach and fellowship (especially for some age groups) . . . and of finding the way forward in actual building renovations and sustained pastoral leadership for FCC. It can all look to be rather hope-filled . . . but just where we will head is still far from certain.

But this is also the season of uncertainty in the church's reckoning of time. We are in Advent. 'Tis the season to be attentive, to look a little deeper and a little longer. 'Tis the season to adjust our expectations. 'Tis the season to consider some sacrifice, even as the culture around us courts our consuming indulgence.

A season of uncertainty might just be a good thing. It refocuses our hopes. It brings us a little closer . . . to God, and to one another in the church. It seeks God's advent. It awakens us to what we long for:

*Come, God-with-us:  
who braves our rejection and hurt,  
who holds us in acceptance and love.*

*Come, God-for-us:  
who whispers  
in our ears  
that we—  
each of us—  
are beloved children.*

*Come, God-under-us:  
who cradles us in arms  
that never grow weary;  
whose lap has room enough  
for all.*

*Come, God-over-us:  
who watches*

*on the long silence of the night,  
that we might rest in peace.*

*Come, God-beside-us:  
who steadies us  
when we falter,  
who lifts us up  
when we fall.*

*Come, God-behind-us:  
who picks up all the faded dreams  
we drop along the way  
and patchworks them into hope.*

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel:  
and we will rejoice forever!*

Thom M. Schuman

Godspeed,  
Dennis





The next regular meetings of the Shawl Ministry will take place on:

*Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 pm*

*Thursday, December 15, at 1:00 pm*

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us in making shawls...or bring your current yarn project and spend a relaxing afternoon in the Parlor with us. Everyone is welcome. For information, please contact Alice Rushforth at 201-265-1062.

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## SECOND SUNDAY

Our Second Sunday guests had much to be thankful for this past Sunday. Over 100 clients, caregivers and staff gathered and shared Thanksgiving dinner together. The food was abundant thanks to so many generous donations and perfectly prepared. Our activity for the day was decorating autumn leaves by writing your name and something to be "thankful" for on a leaf which was then mounted on our Tree of Thanks which is now standing in the Narthex. The variety of colors in the leaves is a good representation of our diverse population of guests that come and share in God's blessings with us each and every month. We were especially happy to welcome back Bill Spencer, one of our founding members of the program 26 years ago. The meeting was emceed by Tim Wallace, our favorite host who led us in prayer, poetry and some wonderful classical music to round out the evening. Along with Tim, a wonderful staff of volunteers cooked, served and cleaned up, people who have given of their time and love to be at this meeting to share friendships with our clients. We are always happy to welcome additional volunteers to help out. If interested in this ministry which helps so many, please contact Betty Hogan at 201-661-1678.

Betty Hogan  
Second Sunday Group Team

## PIZZAPALOOZA Fellowship Time

Once again we will be offering *Pizzapalooza* Fellowship Times. Following worship on Sunday, December 18 pizza will be available for the members and friends of the congregation.

*Hope to see you there!*

Russell Van Wetering  
Membership Team- Leader

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TWO YEAR CALENDARS

Two-year calendar planners are *still* available for the price of \$3.00 each. And a great place to keep track of all your important dates.

Please see Michelle Heinzinger at Fellowship Time or contact her at 201-265-9057 to purchase one or several to give as gifts. These will go fast so make sure to buy yours soon.

**MISSION TEAM**

**ALL WRAPPED UP**

Please sign up at Fellowship Time for our All Wrapped Up 'adoption' of folks for Christmas. This year, we have 30 individuals (five families plus four seniors and one severely handicapped young person). Their gift 'wish lists' and requests for gift certificates are available for selection. **Gifts and gift certificates are due by Sunday, December 4.** Let's work together to make Christmas a bit more joyous for these struggling families and individuals.

Helen Koons  
Mission Team – Leader

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**FAMILY PROMISE SHELTER MINISTRY**

**Next Hosting Week-January 8-15, 2017**



Once again, during the week of January 8 – 15, 2017, we will be helping to host homeless families with children at St. Peter's.

**Please watch the bulletin and Fellowship Time sign-ups in early December for opportunities to volunteer** during our hosting week. We will need people to provide food, people to help entertain the children, and people to stay overnight.

***Why is the Family Promise program so vital?***

When a family with no income becomes homeless, they are eligible for temporary rental assistance. **But when a family with some income - but not enough to afford housing - becomes homeless, they don't qualify for assistance!**

Family Promise is the only organization in Bergen County that provides shelter and support to homeless **working** families with children. By volunteering our time during our hosting weeks, we help Family Promise provide food and shelter, while they work to provide job training, education, childcare, and more - so that these families gain the resources to earn a living wage. Please help us support this vital mission.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Please forward an electronic copy of them to [office@fccrivedge.org](mailto:office@fccrivedge.org). Thank you! Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 201-261-1712.

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

(Wednesday, December 7)

***Ruth – Lessons for our Fractured Word***

Where does the Book of Ruth fit into God's story?

Where do outsiders fit into God's story?

Where do I fit into God's story?

Join us for five weeks of study of who are meant to be recipients of God's love and mercy, and of our loving deeds.

*Make it a Brawn Bags & Bibles event:*

*Bring your lunch and Bible!*

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE**

**"At Risk" Residents Wanted**

River Edge is committed to helping "at risk" residents during serious emergencies, for example, during a massive power outage with significant snow accumulation. However, rendering assistance requires knowing who needs help when precious moments count.

"At Risk" residents include (but are not limited to) the homebound elderly, those living with health care aides, or in some instances, those living alone. Residents of any age with serious health issues, such as a child or adult on a respirator, or those who might need special medications or supplemental oxygen.

If you have a friend, or are the neighbor of someone who you believe would be "at risk" in a serious emergency, please contact River Edge Public Health Nurse, Arlene Faustini, at (201)599-6289. Information provided can help save a life. All information will be kept confidential.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Winter Wonderland – Church Picnic**

*Sunday, January 22, 2017 – immediately following Worship.*

## **PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE**

The eighth Pumpkin Patch at FCCRE is now history. The final pumpkin sales total this year was \$28,000. In keeping to our agreement, 65% of the pumpkin sales total, \$18,200, was returned to Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers to pump back into the Farmington, New Mexico Navajo economy through jobs and land rent permits. The remaining 35%, \$9,800, is designated to the Building Renovation Fund at FCCRE.

Along with the pumpkins, the bake sale was once again quite popular. Like last year, goods were ordered from and delivered to several locations in NYC, and were transported as far away as Minnesota, California, and Bermuda. To date, \$9,200 profit has been realized from food sales. This amount has also been designated to the Building Renovation Fund at FCCRE, and when added to the pumpkin money, totals \$19,000.

Total Amount Raised at Pumpkin Patch 2016 for FCCRE Building Renovation

**\$19,000**

Eight-year Pumpkin Patch Total for FCCRE Building Renovation

**\$118,167**

While these numbers are impressive and will provide obvious financial benefits to the Building Renovation project, Pumpkin Patch 2016 was way more than a fundraiser. Pumpkin Patch provided an opportunity to meet people from the surrounding communities and to talk with folks about our church. Pumpkin Patch brought together many people from our church to work side by side and to share stories and make deeper connections with one another. The Loaf n Ladle Pumpkin Carving Event was enjoyed by many folks both within and outside of our congregation. Gift certificates were created, purchased and gifted to shoppers. Pumpkin Patch provided an opportunity for dozens to fulfill community service requirements. Pumpkin Patch was represented at River Edge Day with donations by our church members of a very large pumpkin, 2 gift certificates, and a basket of bake sale goods for the raffle held there.

Pumpkin Patch is a labor-intensive project which takes a large team working *together* to make it a success. It could not have been accomplished without the help of: Keehn Landscaping, Mormon missionaries from Utah, several troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, River Dell Tri-M Music Honor Society, River Dell Ambassador Program, River Dell Middle School, New Milford High School, Pascack Valley High School Volunteer Club, Paramus High School, confirmation students and youth from St. Peters and FCCRE, and *especially* our church members and friends.

Many members and friends of our church shared their talents and poured hours of their time into this project, having done the following: posted flyers, posted on social media, maintained our Pumpkin Patch website, maintained the Pumpkin Patch portion of our church website, set up tent, tables and lighting, made phone calls, unloaded the pumpkin trucks, provided refreshments for those unloading the trucks, staffed the Patch, welcomed school groups to the Patch, reorganized the Patch, turned pumpkins, discarded rotting pumpkins, grilled food, baked more breads and pies than you can imagine, donated lots of baked goods, knitted dishcloths, canned peaches, apple butter, and pickles, labeled the canned goods, assembled scarecrow kits, counted money, bought a pumpkin, told someone about our Patch and church, dismantled the tent, tables and lighting, cleaned up after the Patch, loaded and transported remaining pumpkins away, and so on and so forth.

Monetary support was given in many ways: apple donations from Shoprite of New Milford, and Fairway of Paramus; gift cards from Shoprite of Rochelle Park, Stop & Shop headquarters, Costco; extremely generous donations of baked goods, lighting, and other supplies to the Patch from several members and friends of our congregation.

Whatever your part, it was greatly appreciated, and together we made it happen. Hopefully, you had a good time participating!

Pam Weiler for the Pumpkin Patch Team

## CANTATA

On Sunday, December 11, the Cantata Choir will present *Savior of the Nations, Come*, by Michael Burkhardt. Please remember to invite your friends and neighbors to this special Worship Service.

You can also support the Cantata monetarily! Gifts can be made in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. These gifts will be acknowledged in the December 11 bulletin.

Gloria Norton  
Minister of Music

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## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

*Great Christmas Gifts for Family & Friends*

The Women's Fellowship has received their orders of Pecans and fancy Mixed Nuts. They will be sold in one pound bags at \$12.00 each and will be available at Fellowship Time or by calling Michelle Heinzinger at 201-265-9057.

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## **CHRISMON 2016**

Chrismon ornaments are Christian Symbols that remind us of Christ's glory. This year's ornament will be a crown, which is the symbol of the Kingship of Jesus, telling of his victory over sin and death, and His place of honor at the right hand of God. Sales of Chrismon ornaments will take place in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service.



## **CHRISMON SERVICE**

Our church will be holding its annual Chrismon Service on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 4 pm. The Chrismon Service, a 44 year tradition, is held in the Sanctuary and begins with those attending placing their Chrismon ornaments on the Sanctuary tree. Chrismon ornaments are white and gold religious ornaments that represent Christ and celebrate his birth.

As Chrismons are brought to the tree, participants also bring unwrapped gifts of clothes and toys to be placed under the tree for children in need. After gifts are arranged, the church school children and youth recreate the Nativity Story to usher in the Christmas season.

Unwrapped clothing and toys brought forward at this service will be presented to the Greater Bergen Community Action Program for distribution to children and youth of Bergen County's neediest families.

For further information, please check our website: [www.fccriveredge.org](http://www.fccriveredge.org) or call/email the Director of Christian Education, Kate Jerome, at 201-261-1712 or [kjrecong@aol.com](mailto:kjrecong@aol.com).

## **MEMBERSHIP TEAM** **NEWS**

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**  
**vs.**  
**BUFFALO SABRES**

Update on the New Jersey Devils' game against the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday, November 12, 2016 -- *the Devils WON 4 to 2*. A great evening was had by all of those who attended.

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## **CONGREGATOR DEADLINE**

The deadline for the January 2017 issue of the Congregator is Friday, December 16.



**December 2016 COMMITMENT REMINDERS**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

USHERS –Janet Masiello, Frank Meeks, Russell Van Wetering, Diane Rolfs, Alice Rushforth, Jane Silane, Carole Meeks, Michelle Heinzinger  
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett  
GREETER - Alice Rushforth  
LAY READER – Karnig Thomasian  
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott  
CHILD CARE – Kim Shirk and Cynthia Stawecki  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Jayne Wieboldt

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

USHERS - ✧ Carole Meeks, Jeff Keehn, Frank Meeks, Helen Koons, Marvin Orendain  
COUNTERS – Robert Egner, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Don Huggett  
GREETER – Joanie Jones  
LAY READER – Betty Hogan  
ALTAR GUILD - Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott  
CHILD CARE – Jane Silane and Carter Silane  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Joy Jacobs

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

USHERS – ✧ Janet Arena, Bob Wieboldt, Barbara Wieboldt, Bill Hamilton, Janet Masiello  
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terrie Clark, Tom Rushforth, Don Huggett  
GREETER - Jayne Wieboldt  
LAY READER - Don Huggett  
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott  
CHILD CARE – Jenn Young and Sara Myers  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Pizzapalozza*

**December 25, 2016 - First Sunday of Christmas**

USHERS – ✧ Vic Babington, Don Herrick, Betty Hogan, Russell Van Wetering, Chet Price  
GREETER – Helen Koons  
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott  
CHILD CARE – TBA

✧ Team Leader

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULES WILL BE MAILED TO APPROPRIATE TEAMS!**

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**A Wonderful Time of the Year!**

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year” – the season of Advent and Christmas – the time of Jesus’ birth – a chance to rejoice.

Join us \* *for the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday.*

\* *for the celebration of the Chrismon pageant.*

\* *for the Cantata.*

\* *for the Christmas Eve services.*

\* *for Christmas Day service.*

\* *for the celebration of the miracle of God’s love.*

Join us.

The Worship Team

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**SOLO HAND BELL GUEST**

Sunday, December 18, at our 10:00 AM Worship Service, we are pleased to welcome back to First Congregational Church, Brian A. Tricoli, solo handbell ringer.

Brian A. Tricoli started ringing handbells when he joined his first handbell choir in 1994. After many years of learning and performing with bell choirs, Brian expanded into the technique of solo handbell performance in 2012. As a soloist, Brian has performed at various church services, fundraisers, nursing homes, concerts, and private events in NJ, NY and PA on his 2012 set of 37-Schulmerich handbells. In early 2015, Brian added an additional set of 39-Malmark Cymbells to his collection in order to enhance his musical performances. Now equipped with 76 bronze bells, Brian hopes to bring the joy and beauty of handbell music to a wider assortment of audiences. Currently, Brian rings as a founding member with Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir and with the Westminsterers at West Side Presbyterian Church, both based in Ridgewood, NJ. In addition to working for the Passaic County Sheriff Dept. as a Security Officer and EMT, Brian enjoys photography, the outdoors and spending time with family

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**USHERING TEAMS**

The Ushering Team is looking for volunteers. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, this is a great way to meet new folks with very little time commitment. Usher Teams have a seven-week rotation. Responsibilities include arriving 40 minutes prior to the service to prepare the sanctuary, handing out the bulletins, participating in the offering, and closing up the sanctuary after the service. Each team has a leader and 4 to 5 members. If you are interested in learning more about how you can participate, please contact: Jenn Young, [Jlf0721@yahoo.com](mailto:Jlf0721@yahoo.com), 201-906-1682.

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# Savior of the Nations, Come

*An Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival*

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**10:00 am Worship Service**

*by Michael Burkhardt*

*Poetry by Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**The Cantata Choir**

**The Pilgrim Ringers**

**John Maiolo, trumpet**

**Michelle Heinzinger and Jon Norton, Narrators**

**Gloria Norton, Organist and Director**



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## *POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2016*

To enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, the Worship Team of First Congregational Church of River Edge is offering members and friends, the opportunity to order red Poinsettias to help complete the décor.

Each contributor is given a choice to purchase a Poinsettia plant to be picked up after the Christmas Eve service or donate a Poinsettia for distribution to the sick and shut-ins. With either choice, the names of donors, and those in whose memory or honor the flowers are given, will be listed in the Church bulletin.

Checks should be payable to First Congregational Church of River Edge and designated for "Christmas Flowers," in the memo section of the check.

Checks must be received by the Church Office no later than **Sunday, December 11, 2016**. Please complete the order form below, and return it with your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

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I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ red Poinsettias, at \$12.00 each, and I am enclosing the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

DONOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

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INDICATE CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ Take home after the Christmas Eve Service


\_\_\_\_\_ I will give for distribution to hospitalized and shut-in

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help distribute to hospitalized and shut-in members

***December 11, 2016 is the last day to order!***



## December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 6:00 Decorating Sanctuary/Church Christian Ed meeting to follow 7:00 Pilgrim Ringers rehearsal 8:10 Cantata Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:30 KWIS 7:30 AA</p>
<p>4 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol &amp; Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ChildCare/ Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:00 Chrismon Service</p>	<p>5 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 6:16 Girl Scouts Troops 7:30 Step by Step NA</p>	<p>6 10:00 Worship Team 12:00 Mission Team/Habitat Interfaith Lunch</p>	<p>7 12:00 Noon Bible Study 6:30 – 7:00 Advent Evening Prayers &amp; Communion 7:00 AA</p>	<p>8 7:30 River Edge Swim Club 7:00 Pilgrim Ringers 8:10 Cantata Choir</p>	<p>9 7:00 Tri-County Pipe &amp; Drum</p>	<p>10 8:30 KWIS 7:30 AA</p>
<p>11 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 Cantata Choir 9:30 Carol &amp; Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/Cantata/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ ChildCare/ Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday Group  <u>Deadline for Poinsettia orders!</u></p>	<p>12 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:00 Rachel Circle meeting 7:30 Step by Step NA</p>	<p>13 7:30 Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>14 7:00 Funds Advisory Group 6:30 – 7:00 Advent Evening Prayers &amp; Communion 7:00 AA</p>	<p>15 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Personnel Team 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers</p>	<p>16 <u>Deadline for January Congregator</u></p>	<p>17 8:30 KWIS 11:00 Memorial Service for Shirley Dahlstrom (Sanctuary) 7:30 AA</p>
<p>18 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 Carol &amp; Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Solo Bell Ringer/ChildCare/ Church School 11:00 Pizzapalooza 11:20 Journey Ringers 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:00 River Dell Inter-religious</p>	<p>19 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 12:30 Women's Fellowship Board at Michelle Heinzinger's home 7:30 Step by Step NA</p>	<p>20 7:00 Leadership Council</p>	<p>21 7:00 Membership Team 7:00 AA</p>	<p>22 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 4:00 Family Christmas Eve Service 7:30 AA 9:00 Pilgrim Ringers 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Candlelight Communion Service</p>
<p>25 <b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> 10:00 Service of Lessons &amp; Carols 12:00 Korean Baptist Church</p>	<p>26 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 AA</p>	<p>29 7:00 Pilgrim Ringers rehearsal 8:10 Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve 7:30 AA</p>

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**



**15th Annual**  
**JO JO HEAVENLY JO JO**  
**CHRISTMAS BELLS**

**An Exceptional Musical Event to Celebrate the  
Beauty, Joy and Peace of Christmas**  
Elizabeth Hartman, Allison Vovk, Flute  
Brian Tricoli, Solo Handbells - Karen Schmidt, Piano

**Friday, December 16, 2016 at 8 PM**  
**Ridgewood United Methodist Church**  
**100 Dayton St. Ridgewood, NJ**  
**Suggested Donation \$10**

**JERSEY**   
**JUBILATION**  
***Handbell Choir***  
Christine L. Braden, Director

**[www.JerseyJubilation.org](http://www.JerseyJubilation.org) 201-447-2751**

## **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVER EDGE**

### ***Our Mission***

*Our mission is to worship God, care for one another, and witness to Jesus Christ in our community and the world.*

### ***Our Vision***

*We seek to be a dynamic community of faith committed to spiritual growth, following Christ's example and God's Word. Respecting our past and recognizing today's challenges, we move forward with diverse worship, education, mission and compassionate care for all.*

*First Congregational Church  
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### **CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION**

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*Church Office Hours: Monday to Friday*

*9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm*

### **Church Staff**

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