

The Congregator

First Congregational Church of River Edge, New Jersey

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

I have great news to share!

At the Congregational Meeting held on Sunday March 5, 2017, the members of The First Congregational Church of River Edge overwhelmingly and enthusiastically voted to call the Reverend Dennis TeBeest as our Settled Pastor.

Pastor Dennis has accepted this call and we look forward to Pastor Dennis' continued leadership, spirituality, compassion and gifts as we enter into this new chapter in the history of our church.

Our church, our members, our friends and our community are in benevolent and caring hands.

Russell Van Wetering
Church Moderator

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Family Promise Hike and Bike – Sunday, May 7, 12:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Our Team, the *First Congregational Flyers*, will be biking and hiking for Family Promise at Van Neste Square (E. Ridgewood Ave. at S. Walnut). Even if you did not have a chance to sign up at Fellowship Time or on line, you can still join us. Just come and sign up on site for \$30. You can choose to hike or bike for 3 miles, or bike for 15 miles. (Our pastor, Dennis, needs company for the 15-mile bike-any takers?) Good friends, good fun, good exercise and a **great** cause. (Folks to give donations in the team's name or to cheer us on also most appreciated.) COME JOIN US!

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE to join Women's Fellowship's *Brown Bag Luncheon* and guest speaker, Arlene Faustini, River Edge nurse, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 12 Noon till 2:00 pm in Pilgrim Hall. Arlene will inform us about the many town, county and state services available to all in regard to health, welfare and financial supports. All men and women of the congregation, as well as, any other interested people are welcome to join us!

Nancy Chiang
Women's Fellowship Representative

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HELP NEEDED FOR SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP TIME – MAY 14

Calling all men of the congregation! A tradition here at First Congregational Church is that the men, host Fellowship Time on Mother's Day. Please sign up at Fellowship Time to help continue this tradition.

CHURCH REGISTER

Funeral Service

Don Herrick – April 19, 2017 (d.)
Service – April 24, 2017
Officiant – Rev. Dennis TeBeest

Ron Seilheimer – April 24, 2017 (d.)
Service – April 28, 2017
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

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2017

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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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WORSHIP TEAM

COMMUNION

Sunday, May 7: Communion will be served in the pews. The bread is gluten free.

Please join us as we share the Lord's Supper

Thank You!

The Worship Team thanks all of the people (children and adults) who participated in the various ways that we celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. As we sang, walked the labyrinth, arranged the flowers, ushered, served communion, participated in services, walked with palms, we celebrated the resurrection and life of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost

On June 4th we will celebrate Pentecost. The paraments will be red and you are invited to bring a red geranium to church to help adorn the sanctuary.

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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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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GRADUATIONS ANYONE?

Please forward any announcements for graduations and awards for your family so the congregation can share in these special events. They will be listed in the next Congregator.

"We Are God's Creation"

Story is told of a young child in New Haven, who was practicing what she had heard of the family's prayers. The child prayed: "Our Father who lives in New Haven, how do you know my name?"

I write this note the week after my birthday. For whatever reasons of (false?) humility, I try to keep my birthday quiet. But my biological family, my family of faith, and some dear friends did not let me get away with that quiet conspiracy this year. Cards and calls, Facebook posts and cakes kept greeting me throughout last weekend. It has been wonderful to feel my life and my milestones being celebrated by others.

It has been an encouraging reminder to me that God knows my name...and my worth. God knows our names and our worth.

My birthday is also Earth Day. It is a day on which people around the world attempt to celebrate the life of our planet. But I sometimes sense that the church sees Earth Day as a secular celebration which has little or nothing to do with the heart of Christian faith. We buy into our culture's understanding that the "world of nature" has a separate existence, apart from humanity and apart from God. That is a sad response. And it is wrong.

I celebrate that I am a creature of God; I celebrate that God knows our names and our worth. But God's creatures can't be separated from the rest of God's creation. "And God saw that it was good," on **every** day of creation, not just the first. All the world is God's creation. I believe that **all** of God's creation is named and given worth by God.

And I wish, oh-so-deeply, that, just as God's people have today given me reminders of God's love for me, that God's people would also lead the world in offering reminders of God's love for and preservation of all creation. I wish that, rather than taking the life of the world for granted, that we would celebrate its worth, realize our dependence on it, and pursue God's call to **care** for it (**not** "subdue" it).

God knows our names...and our worth. An empty tomb has declared that God values you and me and all people. But let's not be so self-centered that we forget the rest of the story:

"And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!"

(Romans 8:20, Phillips)

Godspeed,
Pastor Dennis

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please contact our Flower Coordinator, Carole Meeks at 201-262-3020. The donation for flowers is \$25.00. Flowers can be taken home after the service or given to one of our shut-ins. The deadline for ordering altar flowers is the Sunday prior to their being placed on the Altar.

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

Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 11 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.

The Shawl Ministry will be hosting Fellowship Time on Sunday, April 23 where they will have a display of some of the shawls they have made.

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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, 201-906-1682.

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SAVE THE DATE -

Sign up at Fellowship Time and plan on having a great evening, June 10, 2017 at our next *Progressive Dinner*. A representative from the Membership Team will be answering questions and signing up participants at Fellowship Time.

Russell Van Wetering
Moderator

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CONGREGATOR DEADLINE

The deadline for the **June** 2017 issue of the Congregator is Tuesday, May 15, 2017.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Just recently, we added a Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall to highlight different ministries and events that happen at First Congregational Church. Please take a moment to check it out each Sunday. You will never know what you will find behind those *push pins*!

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PIZZAPALOOZA
Fellowship Time in May

Pizzapalooza Fellowship Time returns in May. On Sunday, May 21, 2017, pizza will be available for the members and friends of the congregation.

Hope to see you there!

Russell Van Wetering
Membership Team- Leader

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Girl Scout Needs Our Help!

Hi, my name is Fiona Flynn and I am working on my Girl Scout Silver Award collecting stuffed animals to donate to Adopt-A-Platoon. With approval from your Moderator and Worship Team Leader I have set up a collection site in the Church Narthex. I will be collecting any donation until the end of my project, Saturday, June 24. I thank you for helping me with this project.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On Palm Sunday April 9, our Church School children enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship service. There were dozens of candy and toy filled eggs to find plus games to play with prizes. It was a beautiful day on the church lawn for children of all ages. The Education Team thanks Nicole Babington for organizing this annual event.

Thank you to our Church School children and families for their generous donations towards our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. A total of \$139.00 dollars was collected.

On Sunday, April 2, after worship service, the Youth Group enjoyed a fun outing to see the movie "Beauty and the Beast." One more special event is being planned before the summer, date and place to be announced.

Sunday June 4, Pentecost Sunday is also our Church School Sunday service. A wonderful service is being planned that will include musical presentations by our Church School children and youth followed by a special ice cream social Fellowship Time hosted by our Mission Team.

Watch for more information on our Christian Education programs and youth activities on our Church's website, weekly bulletins and the Congregator.

Beth Shuler
Education Team Leader

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Rev. Dr. Harold C. Smith who served First Congregational Church of River Edge as Interim Minister twice, passed away on March 21, 2017. Along with his work at FCC, he was past President of YMCA Retirement Fund, sat on numerous boards and committees of for-profit and not-for-profit organization including many UCC colleges.

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GIFT OF THE HEART UPDATE

Last year there were many flood disasters around the world, impacting Haiti, Myanmar and the United States, that called for prompt action. Just when we thought the flooding was over, Hurricane Matthew arrived in the United States in October and was one of the worst storms to strike in the past decade. It caused massive damage to east coast states like Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and West Virginia.

Church World Service provided 8,236 Emergency Cleanup Buckets, 13,900 Hygiene Kits and 3,000 School kits for the response to Hurricane Matthew alone. Worldwide, more than 237,600 kits were shared with people in their time of need. This distribution has left Church World Service supplies with a short inventory.

Our Congregation has again shown its generosity. Women's Fellowship members assembled and packed 68 school kits and 24 Hygiene kits. Thank you to all for your support of the CWS Kit Program which makes a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people both here at home and around the world.

Most sincerely,

Michelle L. Heinzinger
Women's Fellowship, President

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INK CARTRIDGE PROGRAM

For many, many years now you have been supporting the collection of printer ink cartridges. This program allowed the church to receive funds for empty cartridges. Shipping was paid by the cartridge company so the church had no expense.

The company we were dealing with is no longer as competitive as in the past and does not collect every type of cartridge. Staples, on the other hand, does still collect cartridges and will give a cash value back. We are in the process of trying to see if Staples will let people donate their empty cartridges and have the credit go towards the church's rewards points. The church would then be able to purchase office supplies at no cost.

Center for Food Action
April 2017 Thank-you Letter to you
(excerpts)

Dear Friends

Thank you for your recent \$1,600 donation...

Your support is helping CFA to provide **4,700 emergency food packages monthly** to local residents...Each package supplies **seven days' worth of food**...Funding such as yours permits us to add fresh produce, meat and eggs...to the donation of foods we receive.

It also helps CFA assist about 150 households monthly with their housing and utility expenses...
...According to an independent audit of the CFA, **93.9 cents of every dollar** CFA receives goes to providing critical assistance to those in our community who are living in poverty...

Thank you for being a partner in this important work.

Sincerely,

Patricia Espy
Executive Director

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Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to your generous contributions through the *first-Sunday-of-the-month* Food Pantry envelopes, in April we sent **\$2,000** to local food banks to help our neighbors who struggle with hunger.

The attached 2016 accounting, by town, from *Center for Food Action* shows the numbers and locations (if not the faces and the individual stories) of those you helped last year.

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Helen Koons
Mission Team – Leader

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FELLOWSHIP TIME &
GREETERS

Your help is urgently needed for Fellowship Time and for our Greeting Ministry. Please consider signing up at Fellowship Time or calling the Church Office to volunteer.

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FAMILY PROMISE



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Your Food Pantry Money at Work

The Center for Food Action Distributed 63,615 Emergency & Holiday Food Packages in 2016

- An emergency food package consists of seven days worth of food; the amount of food a household receives is based on family size. On average, an emergency food package consists of 6 bags of groceries.
- CFA provided Thanksgiving food packages to 3,162 households – 9,453 people.
- As needed, CFA clients can come for food packages up to 12 times a year.
- CFA helped 1,174 households with other basic needs: rent - 224 households, security deposits - 283 households, utility & heating bills – 665 households, miscellaneous assistance - 2.
- CFA distributed more than 20,000 weekend snack packs to children in four area elementary schools.

BERGEN COUNTY CLIENTS BY TOWN

	2016	2015		2016	2015		2016	2015
Allendale	26	32	Hasbrouck Heights	253	283	Ridgefield	293	333
Alpine	4	0	Haworth	8	14	Ridgefield Park	1528	1593
Bergenfield	2190	2233	Hillsdale	30	74	Ridgewood	232	195
Bogota	432	571	Ho-Ho-Kus	27	18	River Edge	109	95
Carlstadt	158	244	Leonia	137	108	River Vale	15	25
Cliffside Park	1370	1380	Little Ferry	441	358	Rochelle Park	143	177
Closter	130	108	Lodi	3095	3161	Rutherford	317	134
Cresskill	63	30	Lyndhurst	292	279	Saddle Brook	610	823
Demarest	17	53	Mahwah	2024	2311	Saddle River	5	41
Dumont	418	512	Maywood	598	369	S. Hackensack	54	45
East Rutherford	468	401	Midland Park	255	319	Teaneck	2682	2856
Edgewater	106	120	Montvale	211	158	Tenafly	57	44
Elmwood Park	1602	1523	Moonachie	185	133	Teterboro	0	19
Emerson	18	66	New Millford	281	329	U. Saddle River	90	138
Englewood	6375	6273	North Arlington	28	22	Waldwick	331	534
Englewood Cliffs	40	25	Northvale	77	40	Wallington	280	324
Fair Lawn	678	567	Norwood	26	73	Washington Twp	53	47
Fairview	1319	1400	Oakland	171	223	Westwood	175	229
Fort Lee	1045	845	Old Tappan	36	32	Wood-Ridge	252	146
Franklin Lakes	92	42	Oradell	4	6	Woodcliff Lake	15	4
Garfield	7523	7085	Palisades Park	640	715	Wyckoff	130	165
Glen Rock	70	97	Paramus	227	301			
Hackensack	6980	7069	Park Ridge	294	393			
Harrington Park	0	20	Ramsey	484	539			

PASSAIC COUNTY CLIENTS BY TOWN

	2016	2015		2016	2015		2016	2015
Bloomingtondale	344	351	North Haledon	32	41	Wanaque	81	156
Butler	65	54	Oak Ridge	4	12	Wayne	276	346
Clifton	872	628	Passaic Park	2	15	West Milford	209	364
Haledon	373	423	Paterson	130	129	Woodland Park	38	38
Haskell	414	520	Pompton Lakes	189	150	Morris County	9	6
Hawthorne	580	555	Prospect Park	558	464	New York State	64	48
Hewitt	488	499	Ringwood	832	859			
Little Falls	58	89	Riverdale	3	0			
Newfoundland	39	36	Totowa	107	92			

CHURCH MAILBAG

To all at First Congregational Church –

I can't believe the outpouring of warmth and love, cards, and visits that I have experienced since my "incident." I surely do miss all of you, the Sunday worship together, the Fellowship Time, ringing and singing. Although I am well cared for here at Dell Ridge, I miss my freedom to just be out and about. I see my doctor on April 21 and, God willing, I'll get the green light and finally put weight on my right leg and get back to all of you. Thanks, too, to Dennis for his visits and prayers. I really appreciate what a wonderful church family I am part of.

With love,

Joanne (Hernandez)

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To my thoughtful Church family –

"Thank you" for thinking of me – the flowers are beautiful. I am so happy I can "see" them, smell them and talk to them.

Bless you dear friends!

Sincerely,

Clara Stoll

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Fair

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 27, 2017 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 28, 2017 – 12 noon – 4:00 pm

Monday May 29, 2017 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Best Buys Anywhere!

Hard/soft cover-fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's, classics, puzzles, biography, travel, history, video, CD's and much, much more!

655 Elm Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661

SAVE THE DATE!

May 25 is Bells & Whistles!

Don't miss the seventeenth annual BELLS & WHISTLES concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, in our church sanctuary.

Featuring the Pilgrim Ringers; Michael Phillips, piano; Joy Jacobs, Signe Myhren, Tim Wallace, and Bert Schmitt, vocalists; John Maiolo, trumpet; and Gloria Norton, organ; and a fun audience RING-ALONG--this will be an evening of great music and entertainment.

Though this concert has always been well-attended by folks from the community, it would be wonderful to see more of our church family in the audience. The program will be appealing to all ages, and your attendance will be an excellent way to show appreciation to the volunteer musicians who bring us inspiring music every Sunday in church.

There is no charge for admission, but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit a local food bank. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

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WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you aren't able to get to church, or if you know someone who is homebound or nursing home bound, you or they can still enjoy the church services at First Congregational.

Do you know that you can request a CD-ROM (audio) of the entire service? It's free of charge and someone can deliver it to you if you can't get out. Call the Church Office and leave your name for Cindy Fordham (201-261-1712) or fill out a request form which can be found with the devotionals etc. in the Narthex (or ask an usher). Or you may have another reason to want a CD of a service which you want to refer to again.

And do you know that if you can't get out for a Communion service for an extended period, Pastor TeBeest and a member of the Worship Team will bring the sacraments to you? Call the Church Office to leave a message for the Pastor.



GENERAL SYNOD 2017

Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship and fellowship with friends (new and old).

In June 2017, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland, June 30 – July 4. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And we will join together in worship each day to lift up the Still-speaking God.

At General Synod 2017, we will “Make Glad!” as we celebrate, debate, worship and witness. For further information please contact Alice Rushforth 201 265-1062 (arushforth@verizon.net)

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CHURCH INFORMATION

At First Congregational we seek to serve you in any way we can. Below you will find contact information when you have questions or needs.

Information about programs for children and youth?

Call Nicole Babington, for information about Church School, Youth Group and other programs (201-261-1712 ext. 103).

Do you want to receive our newsletter, *The Congregator*?

Call the Church Office (201-261-1712 ext. 100).

An illness, hospitalization, birth, wedding or death in the family?

Call the Church Office any time (201-261-1712).

Questions about baptism, membership or adult education?

Call the Church Office (201-261-1712) to make an appointment with Pastor TeBeest.

For any question or concern not on the list – please call us anytime. We are here for you!

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THANK YOU NOTES!

MUSIC THANKS

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Pilgrim Ringers, and the Carol and Nowell Choir, for their lovely music at our Holy Week services of worship. You are very much appreciated!


THANK YOU EASTER FLOWER VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to Adria Brown, Pat Canzani, Bill Clark and Carole & Frank Meeks for setting up the Easter flowers on the altar and/or delivering plants to our shut-ins. The altar looked just beautiful with its many rows of lilies, hydrangeas and tulips.

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following individuals who recently spring-cleaned our kitchen: Nancy Chiang, Evelyn Fialko, Janice Hildreth, Carole Meeks, June Morris, and Alice Rushforth. Your help is greatly appreciated.

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office closed 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 4:00 ATWAS 7:30 Step by Step NA	2 12:00 Noon Women's Fellowship Spring Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 Worship Team	3 7:00 AA	4 7:00 Education Team 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 RE Swim Club 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	5 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drums	6 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
7 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/Communion/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church School/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship 11:20 Journey Ringers 12:00 Family Promist Bike & Hike 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday	8 Church Office closed 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 1:30 Women's Fellowship Ex Bd 4:00 ATWAS 7:30 Step by Step NA	9 7:30 Shawl Ministry	10 7:00 Funds Advisory Group 7:00 AA	11 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	12 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drums	13 8:30 KWIS 3:30 Piano Recital 7:00 AA
14 <u>BLANKET SUNDAY</u> 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church School/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship – Men of the Congregator 11:20 Journey Ringers 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	15 Church Office closed 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:00 ATWAS 7:30 Step by Step NA	16 7:00 Leadership Council	17 7:00 Membership Team 7:00 AA	18 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	19 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drums 8:00 Jersey Jubilation	20 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
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28 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church School/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship 11:20 Journey Ringers 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	29 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	30	31 7:00 AA	<u>PROGRESSIVE DINNER</u> Saturday, June 10 Sign up at Fellowship Time <i>Don't miss out on this fun event!</i>		

JERSEY JUBILATION HANDBELL CONCERT
Christine L. Braden, Director
Friday, May 19, 2017 @ 8:00 PM
Ridgewood United Methodist Church
100 Dayton St., Ridgewood, NJ
info@jerseyjubilation.org

Fall Hockey Night
Keep an eye on the Congregator to see more information regarding our next trip to a Devil's hockey game!



Bells & Whistles XVII

May 25, 2017

7:30 p.m.

featuring

The Pilgrim Ringers

Gloria Norton

Joy Jacobs

John Maiolo

Signe Myhren

Michael Phillips

Bert Schmitt

Tim Wallace



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River Edge***

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River Edge, NJ 07661

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All are cordially invited!

A free-will offering will be received to benefit a local food bank.

The sanctuary is air-conditioned and accessible.

Refreshments will be served following the concert.

WEDDING BELLS

Special Invitation

*Because you have shared in our lives
and supported our love
please join us
for the wedding of*

*Missy Simpson
and
Lou Warnet*

*Saturday, June 24, 2017
11:00 am*

*First Congregational Church of River Edge
109 Continental Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661*

Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Jamie and Bobby Keehn who were married April 14, 2017. Bobby is the son of
Laurie and Jeff Keehn.*

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

If your listing in the new Church Directory needs corrections, additions and/or deletions of information, please complete the form below and return to the Church Office.

First Congregational Church of River Edge

CHURCH DIRECTORY - Correction Form

NAME(s) (1) _____

(2) _____

ADDRESS - _____

HOME PHONE - _____

CELL PHONE - (1) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS - (1) _____

CELL PHONE - (2) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS - (2) _____

Please complete and place in plate or return to the Church Office.

MAY 2017 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, May 7, 2017

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS – Wayne Placek, Joanne Hernandez, Michelle Heinzinger, Frank Meeks, Janet Masiello, Jane Silane
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETER – Cindy Fordham
LAY READER – Karnig Thomasian
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Claudia Drummond
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Minda King, Frani Family and Miller Family

Sunday, May 14, 2017

TEAM/USHERS - ☒ Stuart Heinzinger, Diane Lento, William Clark
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteer Needed
LAY READER – Russell Van Wetering
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Cathy Raffa and Kim Shirk
FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Men of the Congregation*

Sunday, May 21, 2017

TEAM/USHERS - ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs, Barbara Placek
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terrie Clark, Tom Rushforth, Don Huggett
GREETER – Pat Canzani
LAY READER – Tim Wallace
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Emma Babington and Kathy Rushforth
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Pizzapalooza

Sunday, May 28, 2017

USHERS – ☒ Sara Myers, Steve Myers, Gary Schaechinger, Heather Schaechinger, Charlie Schaechinger
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, June Morris, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteer Needed
LAY READER – Alice Rushforth
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez and Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Barbara Walcott and Christine Banks
FELLOWSHIP TIME – TBA

Prayer Concerns

Pray for: all those worldwide experiencing violence and displacement, especially citizens of Syria, and Palestinian civilians.

Prayers for Those Who Grieve

June Seilheimer and family, upon the death of her husband, Ron (4/24/17)

Marie Herrick and family, upon the death of her husband, Don (4/19/17)

Prayers for Those Who Rejoice

Laurie and Jeff Keehn, upon the marriage of their son, Bobby and Jamie Keehn (4/14/17)

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill

Joan Hammerle, Robert Owens, Eugene Hammerle, Annamae Relph, Joanne Hernandez, Eleanor "Pat" Hamilton, Mike Mantell, Barbara Schmidli, John Hamilton, Arlene Rudd, Patty Wallace, Roger Kreh, Autumn Owens, June Seilheimer, Michelle Heinzinger, Victoria Churchill, Marie Herrick, Russell Smith, Joanie Jones, Lorraine Skrekgast, Rev. Muriel (Mimi) Hatchfeld, James Devine, Dorothy Chen, Kathy Waldren, Edwina Arena, Joan Sullivan, Frank, Manoucher Katebian, Walt Lippincott, Tom Gervasio, Kathy Meeks

Those Homebound, Assisted Living Residences or in Nursing homes

Shirley Bullen, William Spencer and Mildred Alderdice

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CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Mondays—the Office is **closed**.
- Tuesdays—Office is open, **9 am – 1 pm**.
- Wednesdays—Office is open, **9 am – 4:30 pm**.
- Thursdays—Office is open, **9 am – 4:30 pm**.
- Fridays—Office is open, **9 am – 1 pm**.

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