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"By all these lovely tokens September days are here, with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." — Helen Hunt Jackson

COMMUNION

Communion is served by intinction in September. Please join us to share the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10 marks the kickoff of Church School!

INSTALLATION SUNDAY!

*The Leadership Council is very pleased to announce that the Installation Service of Reverend Dennis TeBeest as settled Pastor of the First Congregational Church of River Edge will take place on **Sunday, September 17th at 10am.***

SAVE THE DATE

On the evening of September 28th, Joy Jacobs will be holding a benefit concert at FCC! The concert will include classical songs, some spiritual, musical theater and just plain silly songs too. Some wonderful guest performers will be joining her. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening!

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE

The deadline for the **October** 2017 issue of the Congregator is Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

WE WILL NEVER
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY **GOING** TO CHURCH
WE WILL ONLY
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY **BEING** THE CHURCH

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.

Thank you for your donations and contributions. Due to summer travel, we will update the Legacy of Faith in the October Issue with all donations received after June 22.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE

The Leadership Council is very pleased to announce that the Installation Service of Reverend Dennis TeBeest as settled Pastor of the First Congregational Church of River Edge will take place on Sunday, September 17th at 10am. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate this special fellowship time. If you are interested in serving on the reception team, please contact either Russell Van Wetering at 201 261-1795 (email: aprilsky@optonline.net) or Diane Lento at 201 906-7978 (email: haystrand@aol.com). Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us as we officially welcome and celebrate Dennis and his ministry, as we move forward in a very exciting time in the life of our congregation!

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity Update

Team Build - The Habitat project to construct housing for vets and seniors in the Township of Washington has been further delayed. We hoped to do a Church Team Build in September, but the earliest possible time would now be in November (*brrr*) and even that seems unlikely –Stay tuned.

ReStore - Habitat Bergen opened its Restore in August. (A Habitat ReStore sells new or gently used home furnishings and construction materials at low prices; revenues help local Habitat building projects. The store (at 121 Carver Avenue, Westwood) needs volunteers for customer service, stocking, pricing, and cleaning incoming furnishings. If interested, please contact Helen Koons at helenknkk@aol.com.

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Christmas in July - We raised (*you* donated) **\$1,975** for the Christmas Fund, the UCC outreach to help retired clergy as well as other church employees who are struggling with emergency financial hardships. Your 2017 contributions were well ahead of the \$1,010 raised in 2016.

THANK YOU!

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Food Pantry – In July, thanks to your generosity, we sent a total of **\$2,200** to local food banks (\$1,750 to Center for Food Action and \$450 in ShopRite gift certificates to St. Peter’s food pantry). Your Mission Team is particularly grateful for your support of this food outreach during the summer, when food bank donations are typically sparse, and children are out of school. Our \$2,200 contribution in July was in addition to the \$2,000 which we gave in April, for a **2017 total so far of \$4, 200!!** **THANK YOU!**

Haiti –Update from the UCC on how our \$1,500 donation is helping. Funds have been used to repair and strengthen 400 homes, two schools and community buildings. Seeds and microcredits are being provided to farmers, and animal shelters, grain storage facilities, and rural access roads are being repaired

House of Hope, an ecumenical Christian project with UCC participation, is helping families (who also survived the 2010 earthquake), restoring self-sufficiency in commerce and farming. The project includes help with restocking for shop owners, and replacement of farm animals, revitalization of gardens, repair of corn mills and improvement in water supplies. House of Hope also provides the children with school uniforms, shoes, books, and notebooks.

Your donation through the January Haiti Dinner continues to help.

*Thank you all**

Mind the Gap

It is one of my background, semi-conscious memories of travel in London some years ago. The London Underground—the Tube—is *the* way to get most everywhere. In this great subway system, the train whooshes in. And what do you hear from the loudspeaker system? “Mind the gap . . . mind the gap . . . mind the gap.” You cannot imagine that anything could fit between the threshold of the open train door and the platform. But tragic experience (especially on our New York subways) teaches us that things can be lost—even lives can be lost—by slipping through the cracks.

Here at FCC, Autumn’s energy is suddenly at our door. Church school start-up, my Installation as Settled Pastor, goals which we have been talking about since last winter . . . and an essential network of People, Teams and Task forces, and Staff by which we try to fulfill our call to:

- ◇ grow in deeper relationship with God and one another.
- ◇ equip people to live as disciples of Jesus.
- ◇ serve our community, our world, and each other.
- ◇ reflect the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

There are many FCC folks who are participating in essential ministries large and small, from teaching and ushering to serving coffee on Sunday to serving the special needs community of Second Sunday; from maintaining the library to maintaining the website. There is our amazing community outreach of Pumpkin Patch.

Yet some things are bound to fall through the cracks. Two examples most on my heart right now are our staffing needs and building needs:

- Our Administrative Assistant, Heather, has learned her way into the position incredibly well in the Summer months. But her employment needs have necessitated her transition out to a full time job. Even as we have the great work of Elaine as Finance Secretary, and Nicole’s wonderful interim work in Christian Education and family ministries, our progress toward our ministry goals is slowed by our staff searches.
- Our ability to proceed with the essential core of building renovations (access, hospitality, and mechanicals) will need our deepened financial stewardship and fiscal responsibility for us to proceed to “break ground.”

I know what this means; you do, too. Our need to “fill the gaps” as members and friends of FCC becomes all the more essential, in order to keep growing, equipping, serving, and reflecting the grace of Christ.

What we need most of all is for *you* to mind the gap. We cannot be the church Christ calls us to be without you being the hands of Christ. It is September, a time of new beginnings in the church. What new thing might you be called to do? What gap are you being called to mind? Speak up about it! Offer your time, ask your brothers and sisters (including me, Team Chairpersons and “Patch” coordinators) at FCC what need they see that you could fill. Let’s all work together to live faithfully, truthfully and gratefully.

Godspeed,
Pastor Dennis

*A Roadmap for
September Worship Times
at First Congregational Church*

Many special celebrations of new beginnings this Autumn bring this Fall schedule:

September 3 - 10 a.m. The last Sunday of the Summer schedule.

September 10 - 10 a.m. Fall Kick-off and Commissioning of Church School and Family Ministries.

September 17 - 10 a.m. Service of Installation of the Rev. Dennis TeBeest as Settled Pastor of First Congregational Church.

September 24 - The full schedule of Worship, Church School & Confirmation begins.

ANY QUESTIONS?

FYI, both the content and the schedule of Fall Bible Study are a little up-in-the air!

- My proposal, earlier this summer, for a six-week *Living Our Questions* study, based on your questions and ideas for subjects, still needs many more questions and ideas! If you have one, *please submit* it in the offering plate, or the basket in the Parlor!!
- UCC requirements for me to secure Dual Standing necessitate full-day classes on many Wednesdays this Fall . . . making Wednesday Noon studies impossible. Stay tuned for a likely Tuesday Noon schedule. (Possible dates include 10/3, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14). Or speak up if you prefer an evening class!

Stay tuned,
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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hosts for Fellowship Time and Greeters are needed throughout the Fall. Please sign up during Fellowship Time or contact Russ Van Wetering at 201-261-1795 or aprilsky@optonline.net.

SEPTEMBER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next 2 regular meetings of the Shawl Ministry will take place on:

Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 14, 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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JOIN A CHOIR IN SEPTEMBER!

Chancel Choir, for middle school and up, rehearses on Thursday evenings, and sings at nearly all Sunday services. Rehearsals begin on September 7.

Cantata Choir, for all ages, will rehearse six Thursday evenings, starting October 26, and will present a cantata on Sunday, December 10.

Pilgrim Ringers, for experienced musicians, rehearses Thursday evenings, and plays in church once a month.

Journey Ringers, for folks of any age or music ability, meets at the convenience of the participants.

Carol and Nowell Choir, for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade eight, meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, starting on September 10.

"My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul--how can I keep from singing?"

anonymous

USHERS NEEDED

The Worship Team welcomes you to become an usher. What do ushers do? They ready the sanctuary by turning on lights, unlocking doors, handing out bulletins, lighting candles, welcoming long-time friends and new/returning visitors, ringing the steeple bells, collecting the offering. You would work on a team with others who will help guide you as you learn the routines. Your team will be scheduled only **once every 9 weeks**.

If you would like to join this rewarding mission, please contact Jenn Young (Jlf0721@yahoo.com, 201-906-1682) or Janet Arena (jga125@aol.com, 201-261-6143).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
OF RIVER EDGE

Mini Book Fair

Labor Day | Monday, September 4th

10:00am - 4:00 PM

Great Reads! - Even Greater Buys!

On the Lawn

685 Elm Avenue

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SAVE THE DATE

On September 28th, an evening benefit concert will be held in the church sanctuary. Stay tuned for more details as the date draws near!

It is sure to be an incredible night filled with inspiring songs and beautiful music!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Activities Program

I would like to thank all children and families that helped make the summer activities program a great success! Our children had the opportunity to spend some time with their church school friends just having fun and enjoying time together. In addition to the activities done on Sunday mornings, we went to the zoo, had a family bible night and a church picnic at the pool! Thanks again for all of your support.

Welcome Sunday

The Education Team is getting ready for another exciting year of church school filled with fun and learning. Please join us on Welcome Sunday, September 10th to reconnect and commission our Church School Teachers. A special visitor or two from the Bergen County zoo is in the works for our children to enjoy with their church school classes. Please return your Church School registration forms ASAP. Can't wait to see all of you then!

Church School Teachers Needed

The Christian Education Team is in need of teachers for the 2017-2018 church school year. We are mostly in need of help for our Pre K-K class. If we can get up to 4 volunteers for this team, it will only be a once a month commitment. Our hope is

to get enough volunteers to be able to have co-teachers which will eliminate the need for our teachers to teach every week. Not having enough support can dramatically affect the learning of our children. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole at nbabington@bergen.edu.

Children's Message

Our weekly children's message plays an important part in getting our children involved in the service of worship. It also gives the members of the congregation an opportunity to show our youngest members that we have a lot to teach them and that we care about their faith development. I will be reaching out for volunteers in the coming months, so please consider giving 5 minutes to our children.

Confirmation Class 2018

The 2017-2018 Confirmation program is currently a work in progress. Registration packets have been sent out to all eligible children. Please return them ASAP to help assist in the planning process. A parent/teacher meeting will be scheduled soon, so keep an eye on your inbox.

Childcare 2017-2018

The Christian Education team is in need of volunteers who are interested in helping out with childcare. Volunteering will allow parents the opportunity to worship while their young children are being properly supervised. Depending on the willingness of all of you, we are looking at possibly 2-3 Sundays/volunteer throughout the year. This is a very small commitment that has an extremely large effect on our congregation. Supporting young families will help us grow! Please contact Nicole at nbabington@bergen.edu and say you will help!

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NJ DEVILS HOCKEY GAME

Come join the fun on Saturday November 11th when the Devils host the Florida Panthers for a 7pm game. 10 tickets in the Lower Tier are available at a cost of \$55.00 each.

Please sign up at Fellowship Time or contact Russ Van Wetering at 201-261-1795 or aprilsky@optonline.net.

You're invited to
join the
2017-2018



Carol & Nowell
Choir

of First Congregational Church of River Edge

CAROL & NOWELL CHOIR is for boys and girls in grades K-8.
Rehearsals are each week at 9:30 in the Children's Chapel.
Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 10.

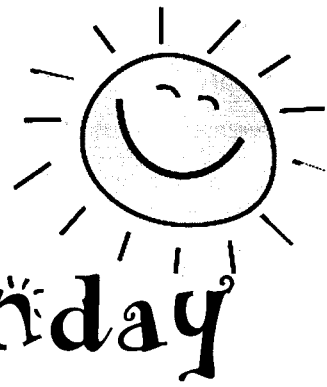
CAROL & NOWELL CHOIR sings in church once a month
and for special occasions such as Christmas Eve and Easter.

To join, just come to rehearsal on September 10
or call the church office at 201-261-1712
or call Pam Weiler at 201-261-3895
or email Pam at pamelaweiler244@gmail.com

Hope to see you September 10th!



SEPTEMBER 2017 CONGREGATOR



Welcome Sunday

Sunday September 10, 2017
10:00 AM Worship

It is time to return to Church School!

- ❖ We will welcome and commission the Church School Teachers.
- ❖ All church school children will be welcomed with a special Children's Message.
- ❖ Classes will leave with their teachers for special activities in Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Parents can meet students after the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall to enjoy Fellowship time together.

- Christian Education Team -



GIFT OF THE HEART KITS INFO

From Michelle L. Heinzinger
President, Women's Fellowship

It is back to school shopping time and many items needed to complete the *Gift of the Heart School/Health* kits are on sale. Please consider reviewing the lists below and making a purchase for completing a kit or supplies to make one. Donations can be dropped off in the basket in the Church Narthex.

Your generosity will make a world of difference to a school age child or someone who has been affected by devastation in the area where they live. Women's Fellowship thanks you for your support!

To assemble a School Kit, you will need:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

To assemble a Health Kit, you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®
- Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste – Church World Service will add this item just prior to shipment.

September 2017 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, September 3, 2017

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS – Wayne Placek, Michelle Heinzinger, Frank Meeks, Carole Meeks, Jane Silane, Vic Babington
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terrie Clark, Tom Rushforth, Don Huggett
GREETER –
LAY READER – Alice Rushforth
ALTAR GUILD – Carole Meeks & Adria Brown
CHILD CARE – Nicole Babington
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Helen Koons

Sunday, September 10, 2017

TEAM/USHERS - ☒ Vic Babington, Betty Hogan, Russell Van Wetering, Chet Price
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, June Morris, Don Huggett
GREETER –
LAY READER – Bert Schmidt
ALTAR GUILD – Carole Meeks & Adria Brown
CHILD CARE – Anabelle Babington
FELLOWSHIP TIME –

Sunday, September 17, 2017

TEAM/USHERS - ☒ Stuart Heinzinger, William Clark, Diane Lento
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETER –
LAY READER – Amy Herrick
ALTAR GUILD – Carole Meeks & Adria Brown
CHILD CARE – Emma Babington
FELLOWSHIP TIME –

Sunday, September 24, 2017

USHERS – ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs, Barbara Placek
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETER –
LAY READER – Bob Wieboldt
ALTAR GUILD – Carole Meeks & Adria Brown
CHILD CARE – Alice Frylinck
FELLOWSHIP TIME –

☒ **Team Leader**

General Synod Letter from Rev. Lauri Craig of FCC Haworth

*“There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God.” (Psalm 46)*

Dear Ones,

GENERAL SYNOD 2017

At General Synod 31 of the United Church of Christ in Baltimore, MD, each morning and each time we entered the Convention Center, we were greeted and welcomed with phrases like “Hello to all you beautiful and beloved people of GOD!”

At the beginning of worship we were welcomed with “Hello Church/General Synod 31 !” Bob and I were privileged to serve as 2 of the over 250 volunteers, plus almost 100 youth stewards from our Central Atlantic Conference. Our jobs were to welcome and greet, to guide and assist, to help delegations find their place in the business sessions, to usher and offer the sacrament of Holy Communion during worship, and to strive to embody the extravagant welcome that is ours in the UCC to each and all of the almost 4000 of us in attendance.

It was a time of great learning, soul searching, expanding our understanding of major political, spiritual and global concerns, and reconnecting with long time colleagues, former parishioners and friends, and meeting new ones from all over the country as we listened, prayed, laughed and cried together.

We were inspired by the creative and challenging worship services. Our hearts and minds and spirits were nurtured and challenged and our eyes were opened to new and innovative ways of being the “beloved people of God.”

It was exciting and a privilege to listen to our newly elected Minister of Justice and Witness as she preached and challenged us to new heights and depths of awareness. Our President and General Minister, the Rev. John Dorhauer was a very present and approachable presence throughout the week, and at Saturday’s worship he challenged us “to follow God’s call to build a just world for all as a united church.”

He called the entire denomination to pull together under a new, shared mission — the **Three Great Loves initiative**. “What is Three Great Loves?” It is a call to the love of children, to the love of neighbor, and to the love of creation. During the next biennium, we want to discover what an entire denomination committed to Three Great Loves can do to change the world.”

From now through the 2019 General Synod in Milwaukee, Three Great Loves seeks to build on and amplify the sacred work UCC churches are already doing in their communities to care for children, reach out in welcome to their neighbors, and act as good stewards of the earth and all creation.

Rev. Dorhauer invited participation around this shared mission, urging congregations and other ministerial settings to explore new ways to embrace those commitments with a clear intent and shared purpose in a dedicated call to action over the next two years.

“There will be three significant requests of you: three occasions in which we invite us all to participate as one in a collective effort. Each of the *Three Great Loves* will have a dedicated call to action with three components: an invitation to *give*, an invitation to *act*, an invitation to *connect*.”



He outlined three initiatives — in the winter of 2017, a denomination-wide drive to provide basic human needs items to shelters housing refugees or the homeless; next fall 2018, there will be a denomination-wide school supplies drive to address inequalities in our education systems, and at Synod in 2019, a sponsored 5K walk to raise money and awareness for the earth.

Over the course of the two years, on the *Three Great Loves* website, the national setting will be collecting stories from commitments to the love of children, the love of neighbor, the love of creation, and how those ministries have had an impact. The UCC is also looking to lift up *Three Great Loves*

Heroes.

“Our hope is to be able to document 50 percent congregational participation by Synod 2019; to collect 3,000 stories from across the denomination about how we are building a **Just World for All** through love of children, love of neighbor, and love of creation; to collect 100 stories from other covenant partners, like our CHHSM agencies; and we want to name 300 *Three Great Loves* Heroes.

He urged Synod participants to get started on this mission today, signing up in to be part of the *Three Great Loves* online community. “*Three Great Loves* is an invitation to act as one and to deepen our impact by pulling together in love, for justice, and with purpose,” Rev. Dorhauer said “As disciples of the Risen Christ, we call ourselves to embody love and incarnate justice.” “Hey, United Church of Christ. The Holy Spirit is relying on you, and envisions a future in which you matter.”

I invite all of us to pray about our part in this exciting new initiative and be pro-active in living into and acting upon our commitment to our church, our community and our world! I can’t wait to see where God will lead us.

Blessings to all!

Rev. Lauri Craig

FCC of Haworth

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
3 9:15 SummerChoir 10:00 Worship Service/Communion/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care 11:00 Lemonade in the Parlor 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	4 Labor Day <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	5	6 7:00 AA	7 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	8 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	9 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
10 9:00 Confirmation Meeting 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ **Church School Kickoff** 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday	11 <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> National Day of Service & Remembrance 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	12 7:30 Shawl Ministry	13 7:00 AA	14 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Swim Club - Library 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	15 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	16 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
17 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ Church School/ **Installation of Pastor** 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	18 <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	19 7:00 Leadership Council	20 7:00 Membership Team 7:00 AA	21 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	22 5:30 Fish & Chips Dinner 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal -PH	23 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
24 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Service/The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	25 <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	26	27 7:00 AA	28 7:00 Church Benefit Concert 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	29 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	30 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA

CHURCH MAIL BAG

To the members and friends of First Congregational Church of River Edge –

Thank you for all your good wishes for my future endeavors! As I have told you, resigning my position at First Congregational was sad, but something I had to do.

I also want to thank everyone for the very generous gift that was presented to me recently. I hold you all in a special place in my heart and wish you well with all the exciting plans you have for the future at FCCRE.

Love,
Theresa Wallace

My Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely cards you have sent to welcome me in my new home in Chatham, "Juniper". I am very happy here in a two-bedroom and bath apartment with good food, warm people, and lots of activities and some very good entertainment. I miss my church and you all. Thank you again for the loving thoughts you send my way.

- Christine Egner

PUMPKIN PATCH GIFT CERTIFICATES

Like to indulge a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor with a treat at our Pumpkin Patch? Or maybe you just need a way to start a conversation about our church? Perhaps there's a family living on a tight budget you'd like to give a little boost? Or maybe you now live at a distance, and would like to treat a grandchild or former neighbor or old friend.

PUMPKIN PATCH GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE A GREAT WAY TO DO THESE THINGS!

Just fill out the attached form and return it with your check as indicated on the form. Check should be made out to the church, with "Pumpkin Patch" on check Memo line. The Request Form is also available on our website, www.fccriveredge.org.

PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers can sign up with Bill & Terrie Clark or Betty Hogan at Fellowship Time any Sunday. Also, please let any teenage neighbors know that this is a great opportunity to earn service project points for school. Letters will be provided for hours worked.

AUGUST 20 – CHURCH PICNIC



Thank you to those who came out to the Summer Church Picnic! We had a gorgeous day filled with sun, fun, fellowship, and delicious food!



SEPTEMBER 2017 CONGREGATOR

Pumpkin Patch

at
First Congregational Church
of River Edge

corner of Kinderkamack Road & Continental Ave.

Thousands to choose from

Grown in New Mexico



Fun for the whole family!

Picture taking areas for children and pets!

Items for sale include pumpkins of all sizes and shapes, gourds, scarecrow kits, baked goods, canned peaches, our famous pickles, and much more!

October 7-31

Open Monday-Friday 10 am-7 pm

Saturday 9 am-7 pm, Sunday 11 am-7 pm