

The Congregator

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“How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days.” — John Burroughs

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

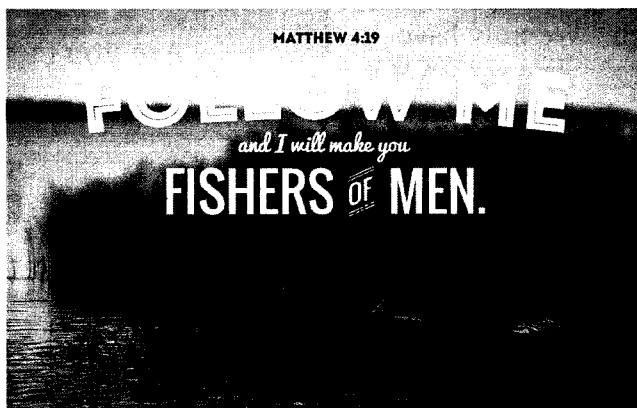
*Communion is served in the pews in October.
We will have cloths and breads that represent different cultures.
Please join us to share in a special communion.*

PUMPKIN PATCH

*Saturday, October 7 marks the first day of Pumpkin Patch!
Volunteers are needed, please see inside for more details.
We look forward to seeing you there!*

CONGREGATOR DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 2017 issue of the Congregator is Thursday, October 19, 2017.



LEGACY OF FAITH

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

FLOWER FUND

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Don Herrick
Autumn and Bob Owens
John and Cynthia Hamilton

SECOND SUNDAY FUND

In Honor of Stuart and Michelle Heinzinger's
50th Anniversary
Janet and Barry Arena

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WORSHIP TEAM

On Sunday, October 1, 2017 the Worship Team invites you to celebrate World Communion at the Lord's Table. We will have breads that represent different cultures. Our table will be covered with cloths from around the world. If you have a cloth that you would like to be on the Communion Table, please bring it to church with you on Sunday, September 24th or contact the office.

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The Worship Team thanks the many, many people who participated in the celebration of Pastor Dennis' installation as our settled pastor at the First Congregational Church on Sunday, September 17th. Thanks, also, to those who traveled to attend the service and take part in this important passage for Pastor Dennis and our church. We truly have much for which to be thankful.

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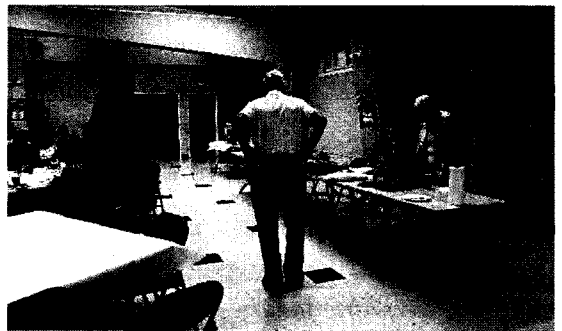
USHERS NEEDED

Have you ever considered being an usher at church? If so, please speak with one of the ushers on any Sunday and they will share with you the joys of taking part of a worship service. Each team serves **once every 8 or 9 weeks**. A small commitment for a rewarding experience.

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).

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Friends and Church Members enjoyed a delicious meal and leisurely evening. Music was performed by cabaret piano player Gloria Norton. Thank you to the Frani family for supplying their signature banana dessert. Also thanks to the Babington girls, Chayse, Jack and Nick who were our runners to the cooking trailer, as well as to Bob Wieboldt and Don Huggett who volunteered to help.



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Are you current with your pledge?



Thank you,
Your Stewardship Team

OUR PATCH

You know what I'm talking about. Not an online community news network. And not a smoking cessation plan. What I'm talking about is right there in the mainstream of our mission as First Congregational Church, right at the center of the fellowship of our faith community, right at the heart of the use of your gifts and mine. I'm talking about THE Pumpkin Patch: FCCRE's most visible and inclusive outreach to our Bergen County community . . . as well as to the Farmington, New Mexico, Navajo community.

Maybe some of us thought, when we (you!) started the first Pumpkin Patch in 2009, that this was a way to provide financial support to our church. But, by the end of that first Nor'easter-soaked Patch--where we unloaded 1600 pumpkins rather than the intended 600--we knew that this was way more. Yes, we have raised almost \$120,000 in the past eight years for the Building Fund (and over \$125,000 returned to the economy of a Navajo community where unemployment is at 42%). But, of absolute equal importance, the Patch has put us out there at the center of our neighborhoods, it has brought us together in rich fellowship, and it has let so many of us identify and use more of the real ministry gifts with which the Holy Spirit has endowed us.

All of our FCC ministries have deep value. But none has a more pervasive effect than what you do through the Patch—for the month of October, as well as in the surrounding months. No longer are we that building that people fly by on Kinderkamack; now we are a destination and an adventure for thousands of people who come from River Dell and far

beyond! Once they arrive, we have incredible opportunity to exhibit that core New Testament gift of hospitality. When we are happy and willing volunteers in and around the tent, our enthusiasm is contagious ("See how they love one another!"). And our reputation for delicious baked goods, canned goods and goodies extends even into the City, where carloads of food get delivered each autumn.

This is one FCC ministry in which I hope and pray we can approach 100% (happy and willing) participation! The range of ways to help is so broad: unloading, giving time in the Patch, cooking/baking, putting flyers anywhere you go (there's always a ready stack in the narthex), publicity-publicity-publicity, getting community donations, management . . . the list can be as long as your creative mind.

Don't know just what you can do? Here's a great suggestion from Pam Weiler, who was right there at the Patch's birth, along with Ron and many others: "Ask. Ask someone who has been with Patch (if you're not sure who, ask *anyone* . . . and you'll soon be directed to the right conversation), 'I want to be helpful. What can I do? These are my skills.'"

It's the perfect expression of 1 Corinthians 12; We will do this . . . we will be THE Patch . . . we will be the body of Christ when we have the manifestation of your gifts. And the world will notice.

See you at the Patch!

Godspeed,
Dennis

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

Warning! For FCC worship in October, It's a Wilderness Out There! But might that Wilderness give us a roadmap for our lives and our world? All through the month of October, we will join God's people in their Exodus journey, through their (our) foibles and failures, and through God's faithfulness . . . all the way to the Promised Land.

October 1 – Exodus 17:1-7

October 8 - Exodus 20:1-20

October 15 – Exodus 32:1-14

October 22 – Exodus 33:12-23

October 29 – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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BROWN BAGS & BIBLES

Well, FCC folk have proven that we have plenty of questions! So we will begin our Living Our Questions Bible Study and conversations Tuesday noon, October 24. Bring your lunch, and an appetite for listening and conversation. We will lift up our questions . . . none of which find simple answers. But I trust that we will find strength, support and discovery in lifting the questions in faith. Here's our tentative schedule. Suggested readings and reflection questions will appear in the prior Sunday bulletin.

October 24: What does it mean to "live in faith" . . . when terrible things can and will happen?

October 31: Stress—how can we get a bigger perspective to cope with the unsettling stuff in life?

November 7: (How) have you personally experienced God?

November 14: Does God have a sense of humor?

November 21: Is God still speaking?

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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.

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.

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SEPTEMBER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 12, 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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MUSIC NEWS

IT'S CANTATA TIME AGAIN!!

On Sunday, December 10, the Cantata Choir will present Pepper Choplin's delightful and exuberant cantata I HEAR THE PROPHET CALLIN' in our 10:00 a.m. service of worship.

Anyone, of any age or musical experience, who likes to sing, is cordially invited to be a part of the choir for the cantata.

Rehearsals will be at 8:10 p.m. on Thursday evenings--October 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 30, and December 7. A special invitation goes out to folks who enjoy making music with friends, but cannot commit to a year-round choir schedule.

"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

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Dear Members & Friends,

On behalf of Leadership Council, I would like to congratulate Pastor Dennis on his Installation as Settled Pastor of First Congregational Church of River Edge!

I would like to thank the following clergy whose participation in Pastor Dennis' Installation made it even more special.

Rev. David Popham, Associate Conference Minister of the New Jersey Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of The United Church of Christ; Rev. Herbert Van Den Houton, Moderator of the New Jersey Association of the UCC; Rev. Nancy Hoerner, Pastor of the Allwood Community Reformed Church; Rev. James Knol, Director of Pastoral Care at the Christian Health Care Center; Rabbi Paul Jacobson of Temple Avodat Shalom, River Edge.

A special thank you to Diane Lento and her genuine and sincere Charge to the Congregation, Joy Jacobs and Gloria Norton for the heartfelt song, Janet Arena and Cindy Hamilton for the beautiful stole presented to Pastor Dennis on behalf of our congregation.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank Diane Lento and Betty Hogan for planning and coordinating the Installation Service Reception and the many hands that helped set up, decorate, serve, and clean up afterwards.

Russell Van Wetering
Moderator

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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.

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NJ DEVILS HOCKEY GAME

Members & Friends,
Please join us for a night of Hockey, Fun & Fellowship!

Florida Panthers vs New Jersey Devils.
Saturday November 11th, 7pm

at "The Rock" Prudential Center.
Great seats in the Lower Level!
Section 16, Row 14, Seats 1-10.
10 tickets available at \$60.33 each.

Please see Russ Van Wetering at Fellowship Time or contact him at 201-261-1795
aprilsky@optonline.net for tickets.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



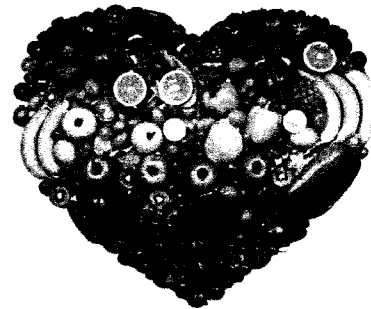
Any and all members are asked to help label jam and pickle jars to be sold at the Pumpkin Patch. We will meet on Monday, October 2nd at 7pm

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All members of the congregation, as well as friends and neighbors are invited to hear Christina K., *retail Registered Dietician at Shop Rite of Paramus*, speak about "Heart Healthy Eating" on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:30pm**

in Pilgrim Hall.

Recipes, samples and refreshments for all!



Carve Out Some Time This Fall and Volunteer The Pumpkin Patch Is Coming!

Before you know it, the front lawn at FCCRE will be a sea of orange, marking the arrival of Pumpkin Patch 2017. The first delivery of pumpkins is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m., and the second delivery sometime during the weekend of October 21-22. Read on to discover ways in which you can become involved.

Roll up your sleeves and volunteer for one or more Patch activities. Working side by side with your church family is a great way to get to know each other. And, it's fun too. There's plenty to do to make Pumpkin Patch 2017 another successful event:

- Unload the trucks
- Work at the stand
- Distribute flyers
- Tell a friend
- Bake a favorite fall recipe for the bake sale
- Shop till you drop

In its 9th year, the Pumpkin Patch is no stranger to our church and the local community. For many visitors, it has become a destination, a place to get into the Fall spirit by taking home a pumpkin or two. Homemade treats such as specialty pies, breads, and chocolates, as well as canned pickles, peaches and applesauce will be back to satisfy taste buds.

It is anticipated that the Patch will be hopping with shoppers again this year, especially on nice weather weekend days. If you can spare an hour or two, please sign up to help, and bring a friend if you'd like. As in past years, 60-65% of pumpkin sales will go to support Navajo farmers in New Mexico. The remaining 35-40% of pumpkin sales, plus 100% of the profits from the bake sale will go to the Building Renovation Fund at First Congregational Church of River Edge. Last year, between pumpkin and bake sales, over \$20,000 was raised for the FCCRE building fund.

To learn more about how you can volunteer at Pumpkin Patch, please speak with Pam Weiler or Ron Phillips at Sunday Fellowship time, or email, pamelaweiler244@gmail.com, or phone, 201-261-3895.

To sign up for pumpkin unloading or staffing the Patch, please stop by the Pumpkin Patch table at Fellowship Time.

For special Patch event updates, visit www.pumpkin-patch-nj.org. Please share this website with friends.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open daily 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning October 7 through Halloween, October 31. Come, be a part of it!



Eighth Annual Pumpkin Carving Event:
Potluck "Loaf and Ladle"

Sunday, October 22nd
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(during Fellowship time)

- ❖ Bring a soup, bread, or dessert
(Sign-up Sheet on reverse)
- ❖ Bring a pumpkin (any size) to carve
- ❖ We will supply carving tools, candles, drinks
- ❖ Bring family and friends; the more, the merrier!!

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO AN
AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!***

Crafts, Games, Photo Opp's, and Goodie Bags!!

For information contact:

Noreen Van Wetering, 201-261-1795,

Noreen.vanwetering@gmail.com

OR Jenn Young, 201-906-1682 | jlif0721@yahoo.com



FOOD – FOOD – FOOD

CHURCH WILL SUPPLY: PAPER GOODS, SOFT DRINKS, ICE TEA AND LEMONADE.

YOU SUPPLY: SOUP, BREAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017 FROM 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CAN YOU HELP?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21; 7:00 PM TO SET UP FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY: BE A FOOD RUNNER

SET UP DRINKS

SET UP FOOD TABLES

HELP CLEAN UP AFTER THE EVENT

PLEASE **RSVP** NO LATER THAN **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**, BY RETURNING THE FORM BELOW TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, AT FELLOWSHIP TIME, OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 201-261-1712.

Loaf & Ladle 2017

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

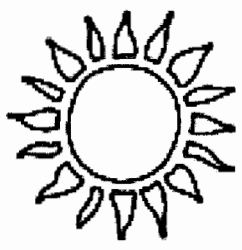
Attending: _____

I can help! Set Up on Saturday Food Runner

Set Up Drink Set Up Food Tables

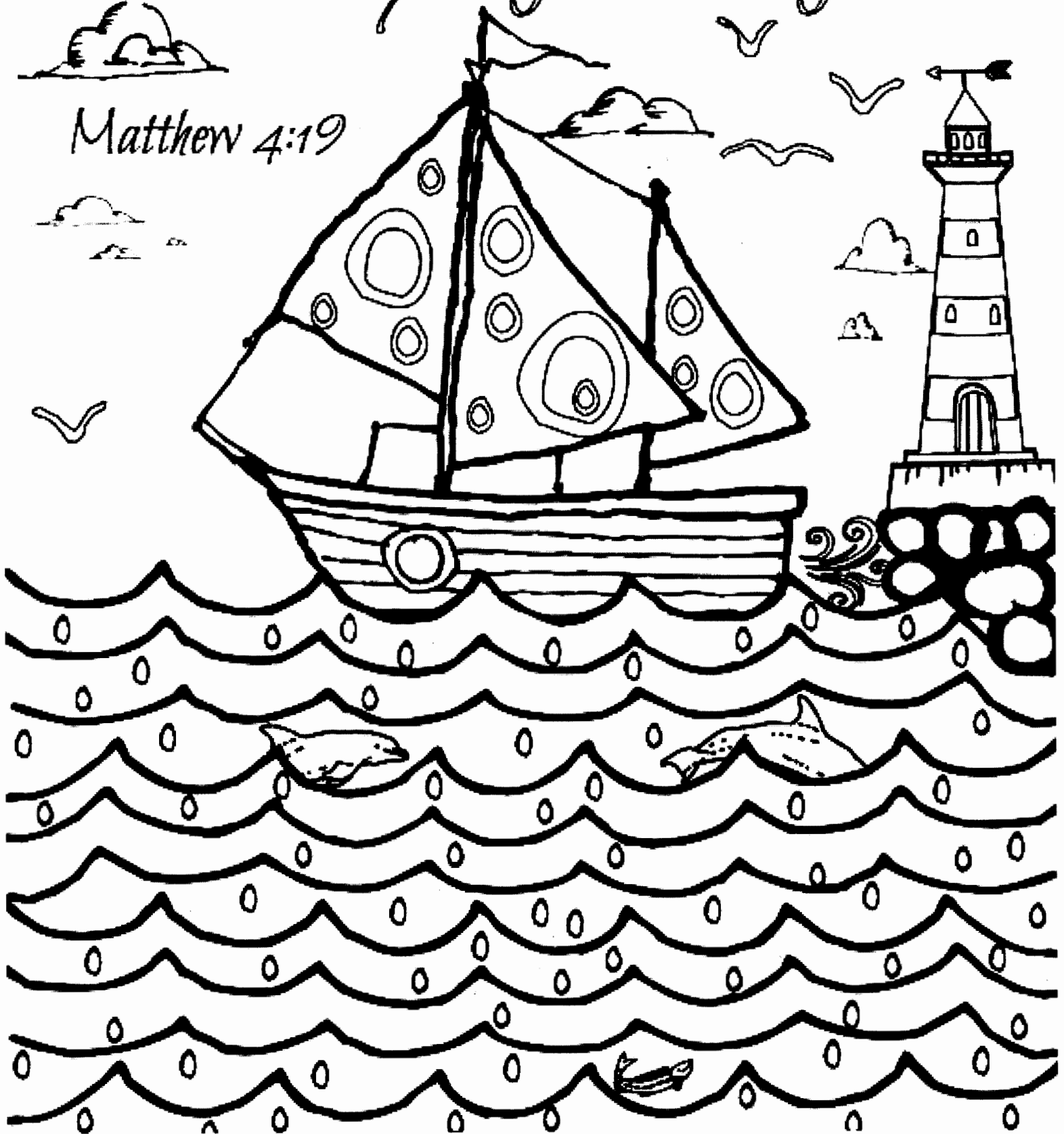
Help Clean Up After Event

What will you bring? Soup Bread Dessert



Follow me and I will
make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19



OCTOBER 2017 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, October 1, 2017

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS – Wayne Placek, Janet Arena, Janet Masiello, Joanne Hernandez, Frank Meeks, Alice Rushforth
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETER – Ronnell & Rylie Kearns
LAY READER – Linda Stark
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers and Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Kim Shirk
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Joy Jacobs

Sunday, October 8, 2017

USHERS - ☒ Sara Myers, Steve Myers, Gary Schaechinger, Heather Schaechinger, Charlie Schaechinger
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terrie Clark, Tom Rushforth, Don Huggett
GREETER – Jayne Wieboldt
LAY READER – Fred Miller
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers and Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Pat Canzani
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Joanne Hernandez

Sunday, October 15, 2017

USHERS - ☒ Jenn Young and Inge Reist
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, June Morris, Don Huggett
GREETER – Alice Rushforth
LAY READER – Don Huggett
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers and Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Nadia Orendain
FELLOWSHIP TIME – PIZZAPALOOZA!

Sunday, October 22, 2017

USHERS – ☒ Carole Meeks, Jeff Keehn, Frank Meeks, Helen Koons, Marvin Orendain
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETER – Confirmation Class of 2018
LAY READER – Pat Canzani
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers and Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Ronnell Kearns
FELLOWSHIP TIME – LOAF & LADLE PUMPKIN CARVING!

Sunday, October 29, 2017

USHERS – ☒ Janet Arena, Bob Wieboldt, Barbara Wieboldt, Bill Hamilton, Janet Masiello
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETER – Bob & Evelyn Fialko
LAY READER – Katie Stroh
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers and Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Joan Buono
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Confirmation Class of 2018

☒ **Team Leader**

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.

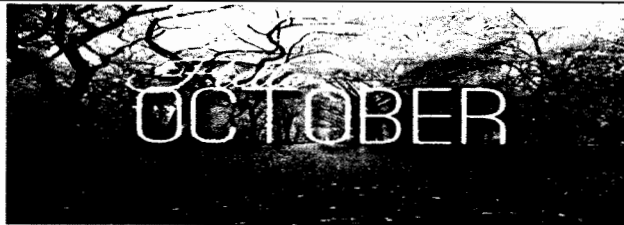
October 7-31

Open Monday-Friday 11 am-7 pm

Saturday 10 am-7 pm, & Sunday 11 am-7 pm

Pumpkin Patch at FCCRE is a mission project in support of the Native American population of New Mexico, as well as a church fundraiser for building accessibility.

OCTOBER 2017 CONGREGATOR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY / The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	2 4-6:30 ATWAS Improv Class	3	4 7:00pm Boy Scouts -	5 7:00 Chancel Choir	6	7 8:30 KIWS 1ST DAY OF PUMPKIN PATCH! 7:00 AA
8 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday	9 Columbus Day <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 4-6:30 ATWAS Improv Class 7:30 Step by Step NA	10 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Shawl Ministry	11 7:00 AA	12 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Swim Club - Library 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	13 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	14 8:30 KIWS 7:00 AA
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CHURCH MAIL BAG

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you all for the beautiful flowers, calls, prayers and visits you have shared with me as I heal from knee replacement surgery.
 I am most fortunate to have all of you in my life.
 God's blessings,
 Terrie Clark

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Welcome Sunday

The Education Team would like to thank all of the parents along with the congregation for their support of our church school program. We have registered 20 children and Welcome Sunday was a great success. Our children and teachers enjoyed a visit from the Bergen County Zoo where they learned about birds, fish and reptiles. We also had the opportunity to meet a hedgehog and bunny and touch a snake skin! What a fun kick-off to hopefully a very enriching church school year!

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. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship time.

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!

October

- Oct. 1 - Kim Shirk
- Oct. 8 - Pat Canzani
- Oct. 15 - Nadia Orendain
- Oct. 22 - Ronnell Kearns
- Oct. 29 - Joan Buono

Confirmation Class 2018

The 2017-2018 Confirmation program is up and running! We have a great group of young people that have a lot of learning and faith formation ahead. A full church school year of programming is in the works including visits to other houses of worship and a few group outings.

Children on a Mission

We should all be very proud of all the children who helped put together hygiene kits for Hurricane Relief! It is important for us to teach our youngest members the impact our help and donations can have on people in need. In an effort to show that "every little bit helps," our church school program has started **Change for a Change**. Please look out for our offering jar during Fellowship time to make a donation. We are currently collecting for the **Center for Food Action**.



For a Change



Currently collecting for:

Center for Food Action

Jar will be located in Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Time



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.

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

Just fill out the below 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 2017 Gift Certificate Request			
Column A <i>Denominations available</i>	Column B <i>Number of Certificates In this denomination</i>	Sub-Total Column A times Column B	Total
\$15		\$	
\$25		\$	
\$35		\$	
\$50		\$	
			\$
Name			
<input type="checkbox"/> I will pick up Certificates at Church during Fellowship Time			
<input type="checkbox"/> Address to which Certificates should be mailed (In most cases, your name and address)			

If you have any questions, please leave a voice message for Helen Koons at 1-201-261-4824, text her at 1-201-961-2350, or email her at helenknkk@aol.com

Please return this Gift Certificate Request Form with your check to the church Please make check payable to the church, with "Pumpkin Patch" on Memo line.

<p>First Congregational Church of River Edge Attention: Helen Koons 109 Continental Ave River Edge, NJ 07661</p>

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 education programs (201-261-1712 ext. 103).

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

Call the Church Office (201-261-1712). Both mail and e-mail versions available.

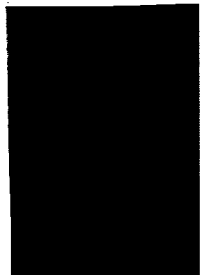
An illness, hospitalization, birth, wedding or death in the family?

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!





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.

109 Continental Avenue

River Edge, New Jersey 07661

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