

# The Congregator

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MAY THE CHRIST OF  
CHRISTMAS  
BE WITH YOU

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Any decision to cancel Sunday worship service and classes due to inclement weather will be posted on our website [www.fccriveredge.org](http://www.fccriveredge.org) by 8:30 am Sunday Mornings. We will also update our church office voicemail greeting (201-261-1712 x100) with such a decision.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Office is closed.  
Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:00 – 4:00 pm.

## CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

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## First Things

*(The story which I tell here may look like a story about baseball, but it is really a story about Advent. I'm also going to tell this story in worship on Sunday, so you may want to skip to page two of the Congregator now, if you don't want to hear it twice! I retell it however, in the admission that I still have some more getting-ready-for-God to do. Maybe you do, too.)*

I endured two summers of Little League baseball in my childhood, riding my bike crosstown to the new Little League "Multiplex" (two adjoining ballfields), carved out of a part of the Bille farm on the edge of our glorified village. My most vivid memories are actually of my first year on those fields. I was eight/nine-years-old, playing on the "Scarlet Tanagers."

I confess that I was never much of a baseball player (if we ever restart a FCC Softball team, I am confident that I will not be first-string). But the coach was a decent sort of guy who played everybody, so occasionally I went out and stood in right field. Like in the fifth inning of a mid-summer game against the lime-green T-shirted team, famous for their sponsor's name---*Beyer's Funeral Home* ---plastered across their backs.

Now, if baseball is about anything, it is about waiting and watching. It is true, what they say: there is no other game like baseball, which manages to pack fifteen minutes of fast and furious action into two-and-a-half hours. And the thing about playing right field, especially in Little League, is that it is a rare occasion indeed when *any* of that fifteen minutes of action ever comes anywhere near you. The coach knew that. I did too, and that was fine with me. I knew I was no star athlete and this was far better than my worst nightmare of being put at short-stop.

So there I stood, glad to be there. Knowing I didn't have a thing to worry about. Nonetheless, I assumed what I (wrongly) understood to be the posture of readiness, punching my glove with relish, then dropping both hands to rest on my well-spread knees. However, I soon discovered that this was a posture which made it a lot easier to stare at the ground than at the infield. And there, on the ground in front of me, I spied a teeming ant-hill, far more mesmerizing than the shouts of "Ball-Four!" which are so common to Little League. So mesmerizing in fact, that I don't know which came first: hearing the calling of my name, or seeing the ball slithering through the grass between my legs. The scarlet of my T-shirt shot up into my face, as I glanced up to see the whole dugout and infield staring at me.

I turned tail and took off after that ball. But it was too late. It slipped under the fence, and into the Bille farm's hayfield as (ground rule double notwithstanding) three runners headed to home.

*I had been waiting, but I hadn't been watching. "Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come."*  
*(Mark 13:33)*

We are right in the middle of Advent, the season of the church's year meant to remind us that, by God, something is coming. And the message is clear: "Don't get caught flat-footed in right field." In the midst of all which threatens to distract us through this Advent and Christmas, let's try to keep our eye on the ball.

May you have a blessed experience of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Godspeed,  
Dennis

**To help you wait:**

- December 3 10:00 a.m. **Worship, with Communion, for the First Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 p.m. **Chrismon Service**
- December 6 (*Wed.*) 6:15-6:45 p.m. Advent evening prayers and communion--  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and the sharing of the Lord's Supper.
- December 10 10:00 a.m. **Worship for the Second Sunday of Advent**  
Choir Cantata  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling . . .  
concluding with caroling to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday guests  
in Fellowship Hall, at 4:30 p.m.
- December 13 (*Wed.*) 6:15-6:45 p.m. Advent evening prayers and communion--  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and the sharing of the Lord's Supper.
- December 17 10:00 a.m. **Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent,**  
*including the Bell-ringing of Brian Tricoli*
- December 20 (*Wed.*) 6:15-6:45 p.m. Advent evening prayers and communion--  
A brief service of scripture, prayer,  
and the sharing of the Lord's Supper.
- December 24 10:00 a.m. Family **Worship.** This service, intentionally built for all ages,  
will include the involvement of children. It begins with  
recognition of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and  
becomes our **Family** Christmas Eve celebration.
- 10:00 p.m. **Candlelight Communion Service.** Led by our choirs and  
singing the carols of Christ's birth, come to hear the  
wonder of God-With-Us, and to celebrate the  
presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper!
- December 31 10:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday **Worship,**  
full of the carols and news of Christmas . . .  
and W.H. Auden's "*For the Time Being.*"

## GIFT OF THE HEART

Once again when an appeal was issued, First Congregational members and friends responded and responded generously. Not only serving as a depot for collection of the kits to be sent to hurricane affected areas, we also helped by preparing 111 hygiene kits, 4 school kits and 4 clean-up buckets. Mission Team donated \$200 for the processing costs as did two anonymous donors (\$80). The total collected at the depot was 4 school kits, 187 hygiene kits and 104 clean up buckets.

It is our hope that this kindness will again be visible when Women's Fellowship requests supplies to assemble the school kits in the Spring.

Michelle Heinzinger  
President, Women's Fellowship

## 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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## WORSHIP TEAM

### COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, December 3, 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

## 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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## SHAWL MINISTRY



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

*Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 pm*  
*Thursday, December 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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## SECOND SUNDAY



were in abundance in November when we celebrated our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with our Second Sunday participants. Tim Wallace led the program with an opening story about the Littlest Acorn followed by our trimming of an actual 12' tree (which was lovingly secured by Pastor Dennis) hung with paper acorns each with a written blessing from each of our clients. The kitchen staff regulars were on board and provided what I think may have been our best Thanksgiving dinner yet. The food was served piping hot and there was plenty of it thanks to the many people that donated everything from vegetables and rolls to some of the best stuffing ever! Two whole turkeys and 4 turkey breasts were roasted to perfection and were the cornerstone of a fine meal for all. In attendance were some additional helpers who heeded Pastor Dennis's plea for extra hands for this special event. As I worked through the day which included set up and setting of the tables, to decorating, to cooking and serving, not to mention the extensive clean up, everything was done by many with commitment and love to this program. When I got home that evening, I could only reflect on how blessed I am for all the support everyone provides to make this program work. I spoke to many of the counselors during the evening and every one of them was extremely complimentary about not only the food but the care and love that go into this program from our church. That is why I love this church and its members. We live our faith and share God's love. My words are not enough to thank you all for the tremendous job that was done. All I can say is I am truly blessed!

Betty Hogan  
Second Sunday Group Team

## PIZZAPALOOZA Fellowship Time

Once again we will be offering *Pizzapalooza* Fellowship Times. Following worship on Sunday, December 17. Pizza will be available for the members and friends of the congregation.

*Hope to see you there!*

Russell Van Wetering  
Membership Team- Leader

## NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The November 12<sup>th</sup> Food Drive was a great success! Our children collected over 25 bags of much needed food and diapers from our more than generous congregation. The Center for Food Action greatly appreciates our efforts.

## 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.



To my Church Family,

From the bottom of my heart, I "thank you" for the beautiful flowers and a "thank you" for the graciousness of Carol Meeks who delivered them. They are beautiful.

Sincerely,  
Clara Stoll

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To my church family,

I would like to thank all of you for your many prayers, cards and best wishes extended to me during my recovery from heart surgery. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Jean Babington



*To my family, my friends of First  
Congregational Church,*

*Thank you for the well wishes and  
cards I have received from such a  
caring Congregation.*

*It means more to me than I could ever  
express in words, as I continue my  
journey in healing.*

*Love and peace to all,  
Noreen Van Wetering*



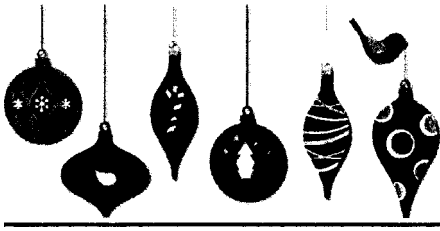
*Dear ladies of the Shawl Ministry,*

*I was so touched to receive one of  
your beautiful shawls to comfort me  
as I continue to heal.*

*I am blessed to be a part of such an  
uplifting, supportive congregation.*

*Thank you and peace to all,  
Noreen Van Wetering*

## CHRISMONS 2017



Chrismon ornaments are Christian symbols that remind us of Christ's glory. This year's ornament will be a gift, which represents the greatest gift we have all been given, Jesus Christ. His presence in our lives is a gift, and not just at Christmas time, but all year round! These ornaments can be purchased during Fellowship Time every Sunday until December 3 for \$3 each. All proceeds will go towards our child sponsorship program.

## 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 for the New Year, so please consider giving 5 minutes to our children. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship time.

## CHRISMON SERVICE

Our church will be holding its annual Chrismon Service on Sunday December 3, 2017 at 4pm. This service will mark our 45<sup>th</sup> year! The service is held in the sanctuary and will begin with the congregation placing their Chrismon ornaments on the sanctuary tree. These ornaments are white and gold and are a continuous reminder of God's greatest gift to us.

As the Chrismons are brought to the tree, members can also bring unwrapped gifts of clothes and toys to be placed under the tree for children in need. This year's donations will be going to the Greater Bergen Community Action Inc. After the gifts are arranged, our church school children and youth will recreate the Nativity Story to lead us into the Christmas season.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** With a service as special as this one, volunteers are greatly appreciated. The church needs decorating, the lighting needs to be set, hair and make-up needs to be done and costumes need to be put on. Let's help our children SHINE! Please contact me if you would like to help out at [nbabington@bergen.edu](mailto:nbabington@bergen.edu).

**.....A TIME TO DANCE**



A Sacred Dance Ensemble is being formed to present O Holy Night on Christmas Eve. Anyone who enjoys moving to music is invited to be a part of this group. All ages are welcome, and no prior dance experience is required. Contact Gloria Norton if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*January Joy – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor  
Church Picnic*

*Sunday, January 21, 2018 – immediately  
following Worship.*

**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.

**CONTAINERS NEEDED**

Anyone that has leftover containers from Chinese food or likewise, please donate them to Second Sunday for packaging leftover food after our dinners. You can leave them on the counter in the kitchen marked "for Second Sunday".

Thank you,

Betty Hogan

**UPDATE!**

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**

**vs.**

**TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**

New Jersey Devils' game against Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday, March 24, 2018, 7:00 PM game.

**CONGREGATOR DEADLINE**

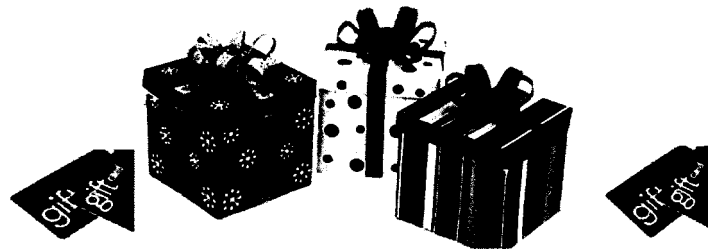
**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**



Come and celebrate the season at our 45<sup>th</sup> Chrismon Service!

**Annual Christmas Pageant Service  
Sunday December 3, 2017  
4:00 pm**

Please remember to bring clothes or an unwrapped toy to be placed under the Chrismon tree. All donations will be going to the Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc.



**All Wrapped Up – Adopt-a-Family**

Of the 30 individuals, families and seniors, we ‘adopted’ this year, all have been selected. Thank you! We still have some Gift Certificate requests from the families for Walmart or Visa. And, Shop Rite gift cards are always needed and appreciated.

**Gifts and gift certificates are due by Sunday, December 3rd.**

*Your Mission Team*

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## Pumpkin Patch 2017 Wrap Up



Some of you may be wondering, "How'd we do?" Read on to find out...

This marks the ninth year we've been involved in the Pumpkin Patch mission project, in support of the Native American population of New Mexico, where unemployment rate is 42%, as well as a church fundraiser for building accessibility.

Year 9 Patch was held October 7-31, and was wonderful in so many ways. Here are the financials. At closing time on Halloween, pumpkin sales were just shy of \$28,000. If we'd left it at that, our portion would have been 35% or \$9,800. The next sales level is \$30,000, at which point our portion would be 40% or \$12,000. So close, what to do?

The options were considered by the Pumpkin Patch Team, the Pastor and Leadership Council, and it was decided to make an appeal to close the gap. A most generous response was received, bumping pumpkin sales up and over \$30,000. In keeping to our agreement with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, 60% was returned to them to pump back into the Farmington, New Mexico Navajo economy through jobs and land rent permits. The remaining 40% was kept by our church and has been designated to the Building Renovation Fund here at FCCRE. The total amount returned to Navajo economy in 2017 was **\$18,001**; the total for 2009-2017, \$143,370.

Bake sales rocked again this year. These sales are tracked separately from pumpkin sales, as we retain 100% of the bake sale profits. Pumpkin Patch Bakers kept the tables at the Patch overflowing with tempting treats for the duration of the Patch. Several bakers continued to bake through Thanksgiving...and beyond. Carloads of breads, pies and canned goods were delivered to several locations in NYC, and numerous packages have been shipped around the country. To date, \$10,060 has been realized from bake sales, and that number will rise slightly as a few small orders are yet to be filled. When added to our \$12,000 portion of the pumpkin sales, the total raised in 2017 for FCCRE Building Renovation Fund is currently **\$22,060**; the total for 2009-2017, \$141,911.

While these numbers are impressive and will provide significant financial benefits to the Building Renovation project, Pumpkin Patch 2017 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

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deeper connections with one another. Many folks enjoyed the Loaf and Ladle Pumpkin Carving Event—best one yet! Gift certificates were available for purchase. Pumpkin Patch provided an opportunity for dozens to fulfill community service obligations.

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: North Arrow Landscaping, Keehn Landscaping, Circle P Deli New Milford, Boy Scout Troop #184, River Dell Interact Club, New Milford High School Community Service Club, Pascack Valley High School Volunteer Club, St. Peters confirmation class and youth group, FCCRE confirmation class and Sunday School students, 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, created new face boards for photo taking, made phone calls, unloaded the pumpkin trucks, provided refreshments for those unloading the trucks, staffed the Patch, reorganized the Patch, turned pumpkins, discarded rotting pumpkins, baked more breads and pies than you can imagine, donated lots of baked goods, knitted dishcloths, canned peaches, pears, apple butter, applesauce, beets, pickles, and cranberry sauce, 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; gift cards from Shoprite of Rochelle Park, Fairway Market, and BJ's; extremely generous donations of baked goods, 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

# Advent Cantata

## *I Hear the Prophet Callin'*

By Pepper Choplin



10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

**The Cantata Choir**

With soloists:

**Joy Jacobs**

**Signe Myhren**

**Heather Nicheski**

**Bert Schmitt**

**Tim Wallace**

Narrators:

**Diane Lento**

**Wayne Placek**

*and.....*

**Pam Weiler, piano**

**The Carol and Nowell Choir**

**The Pilgrim Ringers**

**Gloria Norton, Director**



## WORSHIP TEAM

There are many opportunities in December to hear the wonderful Christmas story, to sing the songs of glory and to watch the lights tell about the birth of the baby Jesus.

“Oh, come let us adore him . . .”



Celebrate communion as Jesus taught us to do. Communion will be served in the pews on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



On Sunday morning please listen for the 10:00 am chimes that begin our church service. We are so glad that you are here to worship at the First Congregational Church of River Edge.

*Thank you*

Thank you to all who worked so diligently readying our sanctuary and other areas of our church, inside and outside, for the Advent/Christmas season.

## DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH!



Be sure to be in church on Sunday, December 17, when Brian Tricoli, an amazing *Solo Ringer* will once again be with us.

Brian has been ringing handbells for 23 years, and is a member of two local handbell ensembles. In the last five years he has expanded into solo handbell ringing, and single-handedly plays 37 Shulmerich Handbells, plus 39 suspended Cymbells. As a solo ringer he has brought his music to many churches, as well as nursing homes.

Brian has provided special music for our church on several occasions, and is looking forward to being with us again on December 17. Don't miss it!

### *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.

### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Please forward an electronic copy of them to [office@fccriveredge.org](mailto:office@fccriveredge.org). Thank you! Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 201-261-1712.

# Congregational Cookie Swap

Sunday 12/24 at Fellowship Time

Let's begin our Holiday celebration together!



Bring about 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies (along with your recipe of course) and a spare container, so you may go home with a sampling of other cookie favorites!

Please contact Nicole with any questions at 201-956-3435. If you would like copies made of your recipe, just drop it in my box by 12/17.



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# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
<b>3</b> 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Service/Communion/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:00 Annual Chrismon Service 7:00 Flute Academy	<b>4</b> <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon AI-Anon 4:00ATWAS Improv Class 7:30 Step by Step NA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:15 Advent Prayers 7:00 AA 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Worship Team	<b>7</b> 7:00 Pilgrim Ringers 7:30 Swim Club 8:10 Contata Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
<b>10</b> 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ Contata – I Hear the Prophet Callin Child Care/Church School Kickoff 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 2:30 Carolling 4:30 Second Sunday 7:00 Flute Academy	<b>11</b> <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon AI-Anon 12:30 Womens Fellowship Ex. Bd. Home of Michelle Heinzinger 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Step by Step NA	<b>12</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Shawl Ministry	<b>13</b> 6:00 Funds Advisory Group 6:15 Advent Prayers 6:30 Rachel Circle at home of Alice Rushforth 7:00 AA	<b>14</b> 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:30 Swim Club - Library 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	<b>15</b> 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
<b>17</b> 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time/PIZZAPALOOZA 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	<b>18</b> <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon AI-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	<b>19</b> 6:00 Leadership Council	<b>20</b> 6:15 Advent Prayers 7:00 AA 7:00 Membership	<b>21</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:10 Pilgrim Ringers	<b>22</b> 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal -PH	<b>23</b> 7:00 AA
<b>24</b> 9:15 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Service/The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 10:00 PM – Candlelight Communion Service	<b>25</b> <u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> 12:00 AI-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7:00 AA
<b>31</b> 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship 12:00 Korean Baptist Church						



# POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2017

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 10, 2017**. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias, at \$12.00 each, and I am enclosing the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 10, 2017 is the last day to order!**





State of New Jersey  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME AT PARAMUS  
ONE VETERANS DRIVE  
PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY 07652

CHRIS CHRISTIE  
Governor  
Commander-in-Chief

★  
MICHAEL L. CUNNIFF  
Brigadier General  
the Adjutant General

November 17, 2017

First Congregational Church of River Edge  
109 Continental Ave  
River Edge, NJ 07661

Dear Friends:

On behalf of our Veterans at the New Jersey Veterans Home at Paramus, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for your generous donation of Mini Pumpkins and Gourds. It was so nice of you to think of our veterans. Your kind gesture helps us to continue our mission of recognizing the Veterans for having served our country with honor.

We are most grateful to you for helping to enhance the quality of life for our residents. We truly appreciate all your efforts on their behalf and we thank you for your support.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Moran".

Susan Moran  
Volunteer Services

(201) 634-8200 (Telephone)

"Serving Those Who Served"

(201) 967-868658 (Facsimile)