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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 by **8:30 am Sunday Mornings**. We will also update our church office voicemail greeting (201-261-1712 x100) with such a decision.

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.

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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 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.

First Things

Advent

'Tis the season . . . to be attentive, to look a little deeper and a little longer. 'Tis the season to tend the inner life.

Advent is the most out-of-step and out-of-style of all the Christian seasons. From all sides, we are getting the message that this is the time to give and get, the season of frantic commerce and social excess. Still, a voice does cry out: "in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Eugene Peterson died one month ago. Peterson was a pastor and a scholar of Hebrew and Greek, most famous for *The Message*, his translation of the Bible, richly relevant to modern experience and modern idiom. But the deepest effect that Peterson has had on me through his many writings is his insistence on *congruence* between belief and action in his own life, in the life of pastors, and in the lives of all Christians. That congruence of faith and life in the followers of Jesus Christ is essential to the health and growth of the church . . . our church.

To help you wait:

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|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| December 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship , with Communion, for the First Sunday of Advent |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Chrismon Service |
| <i>December 4 (Tues.)</i> | 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 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Choir Cantata: <i>Kneeling in Bethlehem</i> Worship for the Second Sunday of Advent |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Second Sunday Christmas Meal and Program-- an opportunity to serve! |
| <i>December 11 (Tues.)</i> | 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 16 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent |
| | 2:00-4:30 p.m. | Community Christmas Caroling |

Let's make room to face what is incongruent in us and unfulfilled for us, and let's dream about the advent—the coming—of God's love:

*Face to face with our limits,
Blinking before the frightful
Stare of our frailty,
Promise rises
Like a posse of clever maids
Who do not fear the dark
Because their readiness
Lights the search.
Their oil
Becomes the measure of their love,
Their ability to wait—
An indication of their
Capacity to trust and take a chance.
Without the caution or predictability
Of knowing day or hour,
They fall back on that only
Of which they can be sure:
Love precedes them,
Before it
No door will ever close.*

Godspeed,
Pastor Dennis

December 18 (Tues.) 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 23 10:00 a.m. **Worship** for the Third Sunday of Advent,
including the Bell-ringing of Brian Tricoli

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. **Family Christmas Eve Service.** This service, intentionally built
for all ages, will include the involvement of children,
as we approach the manger of Christ's coming.

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 30 10:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday **Worship**, a warm and wonderful service,
full of the carols and news of Christmas.

Please Note:

Advent Evening Prayers and Communion on the Tuesday evenings of Advent.
Take time at 6:15 p.m. for 30 minutes of scripture, silence, prayer and communion,
time to reorder your day, your week, your priorities! We gather in the sanctuary chancel.

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.

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of Barbara Christiansen's
99th Birthday
Ruth and Hugo Tschudin

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MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

On behalf of our Congregation I would like to thank Pam Weiler and Ron Phillips for their dedication and hard work for the wonderful mission that they have brought to our church...The Pumpkin Patch!

I thank The Pumpkin Patch Team which is our members and friends who have given so generously to make The Patch the success it is and has been for 10 years.

My sincere thanks,
Russell Van Wetering

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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WORSHIP TEAM



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Heed the music and words each Sunday of Advent which prepare us for the birth of Jesus.

"Away in a Manger"

Communion will be served Sunday, December 2nd at the 10:00 AM service.

Watch and listen to the Christmas story told by Church School children at the *Chrismon Service* on Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00PM

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hear a cantata sung by the Choir on Sunday, December 9th at 10:00AM

"Watch, Prepare, Rejoice, Behold"

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ. Hear the bell soloist Brian Tricoli on Sunday, December 23rd at 10:00AM

"The First Nowell"

Will be celebrated on December 24th at 4:00PM Family Service.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Rejoice as the Pilgrim Ringers provide music for the Christmas Eve 10:00PM Candlelight Communion Service.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Behold as we hear the Lessons and Carols on December 30th at 10:00 am.

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

As the good news is shared each Sunday at worship through words, song, music, bells and fellowship.

"Joy to the World"

THE LORD IS COME!

DECEMBER 2018 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, December 2, 2018

COMMUNION TEAM USHERS - ☒ Wayne Placek, Joanne Hernandez, Alice Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Janet Masiello
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETERS – Vic Babington Jr., Bill Mars
LAY READER – Pat Canzani
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Heather Nicheski
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Inge Reist, Heidi Buatti

Sunday, December 9, 2018

USHERS – Stuart Heinzinger, Diane Lento, William Clark
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETERS – The Ferrentino Family
LAY READER – Russell Van Wetering
ALTAR GUILD — Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Noreen Van Wetering
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Janice Hildreth

Sunday, December 16, 2018

USHERS - ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs, Barbara Placek
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terri Clark, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Barbara & Bob Wieboldt
LAY READER – Bob Wieboldt
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Ronnell Kearns
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Susie Choi, Brian Leddy

Sunday, December 23, 2018

USHERS – ☒ Gary Schaechinger, Heather Schaechinger, Charlie Schaechinger
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, Don Huggett
GREETERS –
LAY READER – Erin Smith
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Emma Babington
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Jayne Wieboldt & Cookie Swap

Sunday, December 30, 2018

USHERS – ☒ Jenn Young, Inge Reist, Richard Metz
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Ronnell & Rylie Kearns
LAY READERS – Michelle Heinzinger, Anabelle Babington
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Ronnell Kearns
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

☒ **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 11, at 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 13, 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 Pilgrim Hall with us. Everyone is welcome. For information, please contact Alice Rushforth at 201-265-1062.

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STEWARSHIP



*Are you up to date on your 2018 pledge?
(An additional \$32,337 is needed
to reach our budget)*

Did you make a pledge for 2019?
(We have reached 60% of our goal for pledges in 2019)

The operation and ministries of First Congregational Church of River Edge depend upon it.

Thank you!
The Stewardship Team
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MEMBERSHIP TEAM

On Saturday November 17, a group of ten members and friends enjoyed an afternoon at "The Rock" watching the NJ Devils take on the Detroit Red Wings.

The group enjoyed fellowship, fun and an exciting hockey game.

All members of our group received a cool NJ Devils draw string sack compliments of The Devils. Please plan on joining us on our next trip to The Rock to catch a game.

Hosts for Fellowship Time and Greeters are needed for the New Year commencing January 6. Please sign up at Fellowship Time or contact me directly at aprilsky@optonline.net or (201) 261-1795.

Thank you,
Russell Van Wetering



MUSIC NEWS



On Sunday afternoon, December 16, we will go caroling for shut-ins of our church and community. If you're looking for a way to show kindness to others during this season of joy, here is a great way to do so! We will meet in the Church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Also, if you know someone who would appreciate a visit from carolers, please tell Gloria. Email glorinor@aol.com or text 201-970-9032.

In Excelsis Deo!

MISSION TEAM

Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County

“On behalf of the...Habitat families we serve, I want to personally thank you for donating to our Matching Gift Partnership Campaign funded by Oritani Bank Charitable Foundation.

Your donation of \$1,000 was matched dollar for dollar.

All of the funds we receive during this matching gift campaign contribute to the affordable homes we are building for veterans and seniors in the Township of Washington.

Thank you so very much for your support.

Jacey Raimondo, Executive Director

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CONGREGATOR DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 18th.

EDUCATION

November Food Drive

The November 11th Food Drive was a huge success! Our children collected over 29 bags of much needed food and diapers from our more than generous congregation. It is great to see our members once again come together to support those less fortunate. We set an inspiring example to our youth of how important community support can be. Great job and the Center for Food Action greatly appreciates our efforts.

Chrismons 2018



Chrismon ornaments are Christian symbols that remind us of Christ's glory. This year's ornament will be an angel, which represents the messengers sent from God to tell the people of the birth of our Lord Jesus. We can rejoice in knowing His presence in our lives and celebrate during this holiday season. These ornaments can be purchased during Fellowship Time every Sunday until December 2 for \$3 each.

Chrismon Service

Our church will be holding its annual Chrismon Service on Sunday December 2, 2018 at 4pm. This service will mark our 46th 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. Since the church renovation will be in full swing by then, we will need lots of hands to help this annual celebration run smoothly. With limited access to some areas, well planned logistics are needed to keep our children happy and safe. The lighting needs to be set, hair and make-up need 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@fccriveredge.org

Congregational Cookie Swap

Join us for the 2nd Annual Holiday Cookie Swap on Sunday 12/23 during Fellowship Time. 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! It was a lot of fun last year, so let's make it a tradition!

YOUTH GROUP



Since the Youth Group's first planned outing to the Haunted Orchards was cancelled due to rain, we had an impromptu Movie and Game Night on Friday 10/26 with 10 youth and adults in attendance. Everyone had a hysterically fun time!



Our "Make a Donation, Take a Book" fundraiser will begin during Fellowship Time in January, exact dates will be announced. If you have any gently used children's or adult books, please drop them off in the Education Office beginning 12/9. Proceeds will go towards future programming for the Youth Group as well as our donation to The Seeing Eye, Inc.

Education Team Needs New Members

Interested in getting involved with our Youth/Adult/Family Ministries? These ministries are hoping to become more active in enhancing our member's faith formation experiences. In order to do this, some committed volunteers who are open to new ideas are needed. There are Co-Op positions available, so if working with just one ministry and/or activity is your thing, the Education Team needs you! If interested, please contact team leader Beth Shuler at bethshuler7@gmail.com or Nicole at nbabington@fccrivedge.org

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 3 minutes to our children. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship time.

Childcare 2018-2019

The 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@fccrivedge.org and say you will help!

December

Dec. 2- Heather Nicheski
Dec. 9-Noreen Van Wetering
Dec. 16- Ronnell Kearns

Dec. 23- Emma Babington
Dec. 30-Ronnell Kearns



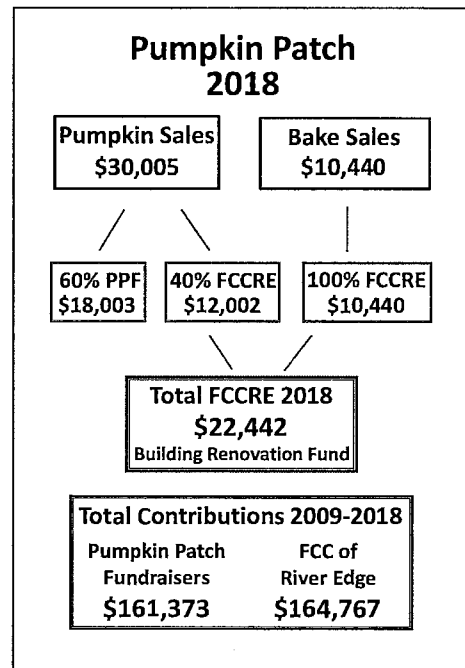
Pumpkin Patch 2018 Wrap Up

A decade into it, Pumpkin Patch continues to amaze...

The FCCRE Pumpkin Patch mission project is held for two purposes: first, it is in support of the Native American population of New Mexico, where unemployment rate is 42%; and, second, it is a church fundraiser, this year designated for building accessibility.

This tenth year, the Patch was held October 6-31, and was wonderful in so many ways. Here are the financials. For a summary, please refer to the chart. At closing time on Halloween night, pumpkin sales were just shy of the \$30,000 goal. In the days that followed, many donations were received which bumped sales up and over the goal, ending at **\$30,005**. 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%** went to the Building Renovation Fund here at FCCRE. The total amount returned to Navajo economy in 2018 was **\$18,003**; the total for 2009-2018, \$161,373.

Bake sales rocked again this year. These sales are tracked separately from pumpkin sales, as 100% of the proceeds are retained. Pumpkin Patch Bakers kept the tables at the Patch overflowing with tempting treats for the duration of the Patch...and beyond. Carloads of breads, pies and canned goods were once again delivered to several locations in NYC, and numerous packages have been shipped around the country. Total raised from the bake sale portion of the patch in 2018, **\$10,440**. When added to our 40% portion of the pumpkin sales (**\$12,002**), the total raised in 2018 for FCCRE Building Renovation Fund is **\$22,442**; the total for 2009-2018, \$164,767.



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While these numbers are impressive and will provide significant financial benefits to the Building Renovation project, Pumpkin Patch 2018 was WAY more than a fundraiser. Pumpkin Patch provided an opportunity to meet people from the surrounding communities and to talk with folks about our church. Pumpkin Patch brought together many people from our church to work side by side and to share stories and make deeper connections with one another. Many folks enjoyed the Trunk or Treat Pumpkin Carving Event, and the free face painting provided by a local artist. 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: Keehn Landscaping, Circle P Deli, Scott Graphics Printing, River Dell Interact Club, New Milford High School Community Service Club, Paramus High School National Honor Society, FCCRE pre-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, lighting, and 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, 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, lighting, face boards, 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, BJ's and Costco; 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, everyone had a good time participating!

Pam Weiler for the Pumpkin Patch team

Thank you 

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A Cantata for Advent



Sunday, December 9, 2018
10:00 a.m.

*K*neeling in *B*ethlehem

by Michael Burkhardt

Readings by Ann Weems

20-voice Cantata Choir

Narrators: Barbara Walcott and Don Huggett
Pilgrim Ringers

Carol and Nowell Choir


Soloists: Signe Myhren and Nadia Orendain
Kathy Meneghin, violin

Gloria Norton, Director and Organist



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December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Merry Christmas</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>2</p> <p>9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell 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</p> | <p>3</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u></p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon 6:30 Worship Team 7:30 Step by Step NA</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6:15 Advent Prayers & Communion</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7:00 RE Swim Club 7:00 AA</p> | <p>6</p> <p>7:00 Cantata Choir 7:45 Cantata Ringers</p> | <p>7</p> <p>7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal</p> | <p>8</p> <p>8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>8:30 Cantata Choir & Pilgrim Ringers 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ Cantata – Kneeling in Bethlehem Child Care/Church School Kickoff 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday</p> | <p>10</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u></p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon 12:30 Womens Fellowship Ex. Bd. Home of Michelle Heinzinger 7:30 Step by Step NA</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:15 Advent Prayers & Communion 6:30 Rachel Circle at the home of Michelle Heinzinger 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Shawl Ministry</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> | <p>13</p> <p>1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:20 Pilgrim Ringers</p> | <p>14</p> <p>7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal</p> | <p>15</p> <p>8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care/ Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time/ 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 2:00 Caroling</p> | <p>17</p> <p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u></p> <p><u>Holiday Bake Sale</u> <u>Orders Due</u></p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:30 Step by Step NA</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6:15 Advent Prayers & Communion 7:00 Leadership Council</p> | <p>19</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> | <p>20</p> <p>7:00 Chancel Choir 8:20 Pilgrim Ringers</p> | <p>21</p> <p>7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/ Child Care/Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time/Cookie Swap 12:00 Korean Baptist Church</p> | <p>24</p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> 12:00 Al-Anon 4:00 Family Christmas Eve Service 10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service</p> | <p>25</p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u></p> | <p>26</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service of Lessons and Carols/No Church School/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church</p> | <p>31</p> | | | | | |

Holiday Bake Sale

To benefit FCCRE Kitchen Renovation Project



Orders accepted through Monday, December 17.

Pick up dates available through Sunday, December 23.

Orders may be given to Pam Weiler or Ron Phillips at Fellowship time, by email, pamelaweiler244@gmail.com, or by phone 201-261-3895.

All proceeds to FCCRE Kitchen Renovation Project.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pick up dates: _____ Sunday, December 2, Fellowship Time
_____ Sunday, December 9, Fellowship Time
_____ Sunday, December 16, Fellowship Time
_____ Sunday, December 23, Fellowship Time

*** ** Quantities limited, orders filled as bakers are available. *** **

Breads

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|---|---|
| _____ Banana Bread, large, \$8.00 | _____ Banana Walnut, large, \$10.00 |
| _____ Cranberry Bread, large, \$10.00 | _____ Cranberry Nut, large, \$12.00 |
| _____ Date Pecan Bread, large, \$12.00 | _____ Date Pecan, small, \$6.00 |
| _____ Eggnog Quick Bread, large, \$10.00 | |
| _____ English Muffin Bread, large, \$8.00 (not available Dec 9) | |
| _____ Pumpkin Bread, large \$8.00 | _____ Pumpkin Nut Bread, large, \$10.00 |

Pies, 10" extra deep pies

- _____ Apple, \$14.00
- _____ Pumpkin, \$14.00
- _____ Pecan, \$17.00
- _____ Chocolate Pecan, \$17.00
- _____ Harvest--apples, cranberries, raisins, & walnuts, \$17.00

Other Treats in case you're wondering we do have pickles left

- _____ Chocolate Covered Oreos, \$1.50, peppermint crunch or holiday sprinkles
- _____ Orange Apple Cranberry Sauce, ½ pint jar, \$6.00
- _____ Dill Pickles, pint jar, \$5.00

Cradle Roll Volunteer Needed

The Education Team is looking for a volunteer to take over the Cradle Roll. This is a minor low commitment and not time consuming, but you will need to be organized. The role consists of mailing out postcards throughout the year to the children that were baptized at our church, up until their 3rd birthday. Contact me if you are interested in helping out at nbabington@fccrivedge.org

~Nicole



Everyone we 'adopted' as a congregation through the All Wrapped Up program **has been selected.** Thank you!

We could still use additional gift cards, **especially for ShopRite**, but also for Target and Amazon. These are always welcome in any amount.

Gifts and Gift Cards are due by Sunday, December 2nd.

Please attach the Tag Number on your gifts and please include a gift receipt for clothing if possible, in case an item does not fit and needs to be exchanged.

Thank you all for your help in making Christmas a bit more special for these struggling families and individuals.

Your Mission Team

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Please forward an electronic copy to office@fccrivedge.org. Any questions, please contact the Church Office at 201-261-1712. Thank you!

Congregational Cookie Swap

Sunday 12/23 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 12/16.



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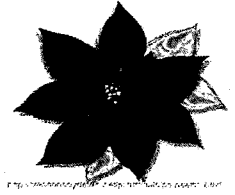
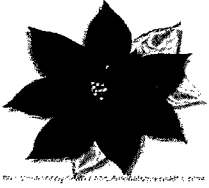
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POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

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 9, 2018**. Please complete the order form below, and return it with your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

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 9, 2018 is the last day to order!